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The Chameleon's Sneaky Tongue

Circle group

A chameleon is a slow lizard. It lives in trees. It has two big eyes. Each eye can turn on its own.

The chameleon sits still on a branch. It waits for a bug. Then, zip! Out shoots a long, sticky tongue. The bug sticks to it. The tongue snaps back, and the chameleon eats.

A chameleon does not chase food. It waits and zaps.

Questions

1. Where does a chameleon live?

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2. What can each eye do?

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3. What does the chameleon do while it waits?

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4. What is its tongue like?

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5. Why does it not need to chase food?

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Words to know

chameleon: a lizard with eyes that turn and a long tongue
lizard: an animal with scaly skin and a long tail
branch: a part of a tree that grows out from the trunk
sticky: able to stick to things

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
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Triangle group

A chameleon is a slow lizard that lives in trees. It has two big eyes that stick out. Each eye can turn on its own. One eye can look up while the other looks down.

The chameleon sits very still on a branch. It waits for a bug to come close. Then, zip! Out shoots a long, sticky tongue. The bug is stuck to the tongue. The tongue snaps back into the mouth, and the chameleon eats its lunch.

A chameleon does not chase its food. It uses its eyes and its tongue instead.

Questions

1. Where does a chameleon live?

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2. What can each of its eyes do?

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3. What does the chameleon do while it waits for a bug?

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4. What is its tongue like?

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5. Why does a chameleon not need to chase its food?

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Square group

A chameleon is a slow-moving lizard that lives in trees. Its two large eyes stick out from its head, and each eye can turn independently, so one eye can look upward while the other looks down.

The chameleon sits perfectly still on a branch and waits for a bug to wander close. Then, zip! A long, sticky tongue shoots out and catches the bug. The tongue snaps back into the mouth, and the chameleon enjoys its lunch.

A chameleon never has to chase its food. Instead, it relies on its eyes and its tongue.

Questions

1. Where does a chameleon live?

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2. What can each of the chameleon's eyes do?

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3. What does the chameleon do while it waits for a bug?

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4. How is the chameleon's tongue described?

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5. Why does a chameleon never have to chase its food?

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For the teacher: The Chameleon's Sneaky Tongue

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Chameleon's Sneaky Tongue

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. In trees.
2. Turn on its own.
3. It sits still on a branch.
4. Long and sticky.
5. Its sticky tongue can reach the bug.

Triangle: The Chameleon's Sneaky Tongue

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.3

1. In trees.
2. Turn on its own.
3. It sits very still on a branch.
4. Long and sticky.
5. Its long, sticky tongue can reach the bug from where it sits.

Square: The Chameleon's Sneaky Tongue

Harder · 95 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.1

1. In trees.
2. Turn on its own, independently of the other eye.
3. It sits perfectly still on a branch.
4. Long and sticky.
5. Its long, sticky tongue reaches the bug from where the chameleon sits.