

Chameleons

A chameleon is a type of lizard. There are about 120 different kinds of chameleons. Most chameleons live in trees and about half of all chameleons live in Madagascar. Madagascar is an island off the east coast of Africa.

Baby chameleons hatch from eggs. Once born, chameleons, like all lizards, begin to hunt for food and can defend themselves. Chameleons come in all sizes. Some chameleons are as tiny as a matchstick and others as large as a squirrel.

Many chameleons have large heads. Chameleons have short necks. Their eyes can move separately from each other, unlike our eyes, which always move together. So, they can look in two different directions at once! A chameleon's feet are shaped like pincers which help them hold on to branches.

Chameleons mainly eat insects. They have very long, sticky tongues which they use to catch insects. Larger chameleons also eat small birds and mice.

Chameleons change color based on their moods such as when they are upset or frightened. Also, the amount of sunlight or the temperature around them may cause certain chameleons to change color.

Name _____

Date _____



Describe a topic.
Tell what something is and does.



Chameleons

Audience _____

Category: Physical Appearance

- lizard
- all sizes (matchstick/squirrel) ^{ex.}
- large heads
- short necks
- feet pincers

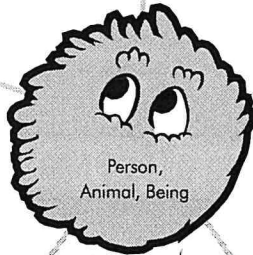
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Category: Characteristics

- 120 different kinds
- eyes - ~~two~~ different directions
- change color - moods / temperature

Category: Habitat

- trees
- Madagascar - island - east coast
- Africa



Chameleons

Category: Young

- hatch > eggs
- born - hunt for food, defend itself

Category: Food & Eating

- insects mainly
- long, sticky tongues
- small birds, mice

Topic Sentence: _____

Reference: _____

Key Words:

in addition to, besides, for example, such as, for instance, also, and, it means, specifically, who

List Map

**Name five facts you learned
about chameleons.**



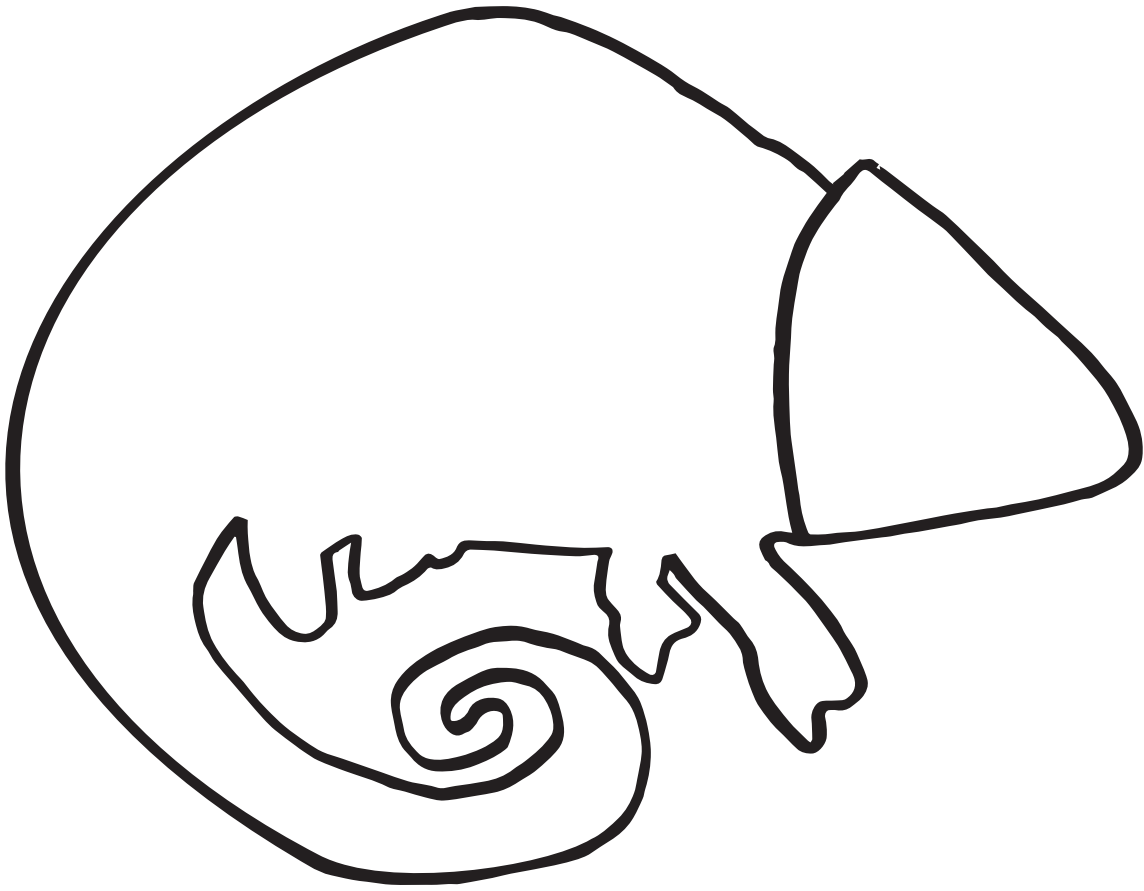












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Topic