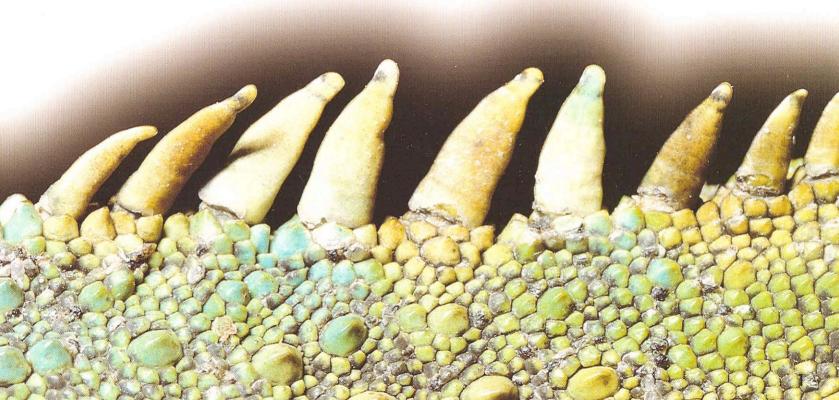
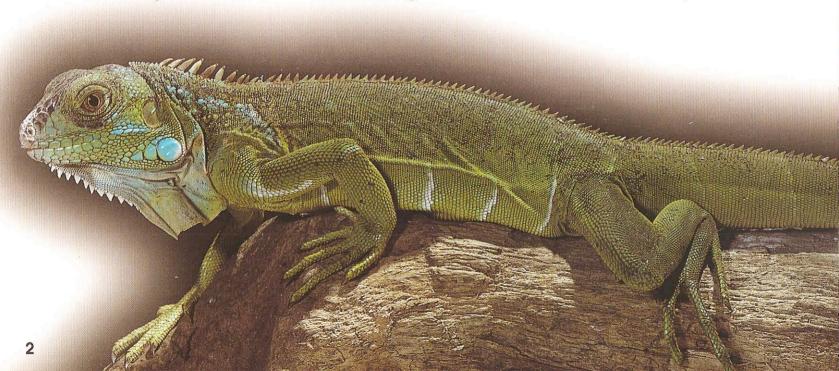
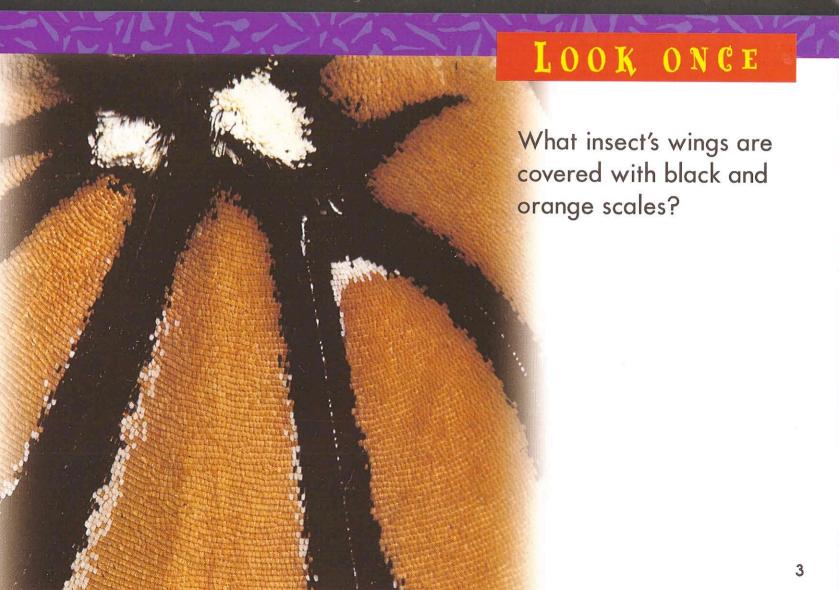
These spines may remind you of a dinosaur, but this animal is alive today. Some people keep it as a pet.



Iguanas aren't as big as dinosaurs, but they can be six feet long. An iguana's rough skin has hard bumpy scales. Along its back and tail, the iguana has a row of soft spines.





The scales on a monarch butterfly's wings overlap like shingles on a roof. Under the scales, a butterfly's wings are thin and clear. The scales protect the wings. This monarch has just come out of a case called a "chrysalis." After its wings dry out, the butterfly will flutter away.



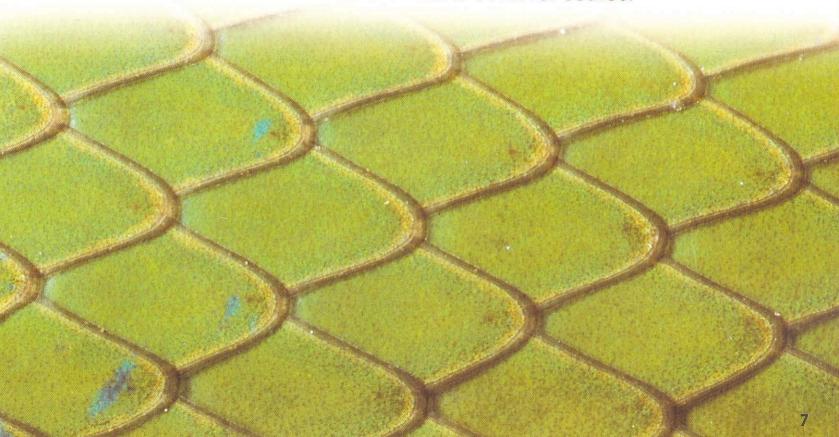
These short stiff bristles help this animal move through earth.

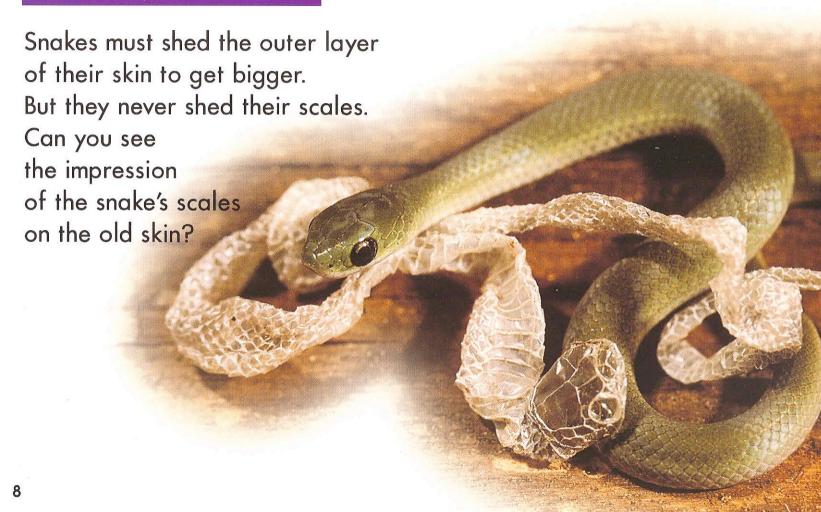


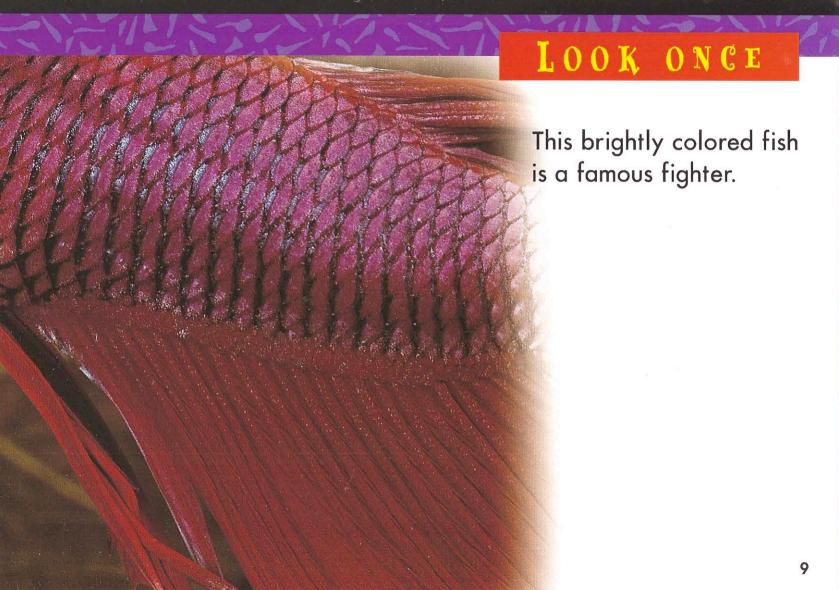
An earthworm's body is made of rings called "segments." Each segment has bristles that help the worm grip the soil so it can move. The bristles also pick up vibrations in the soil. This helps the worm know when to hide.



This skin is made of hard colorful scales.





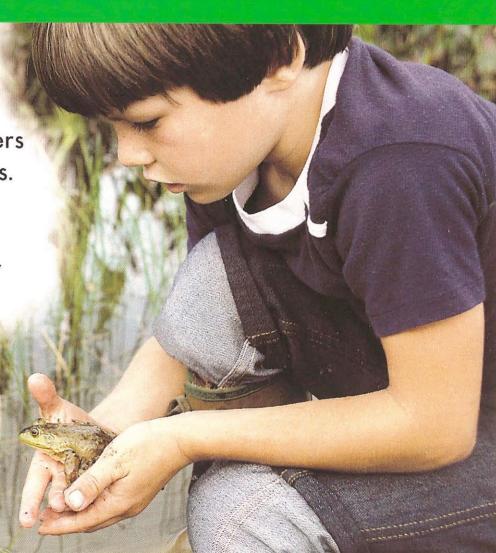


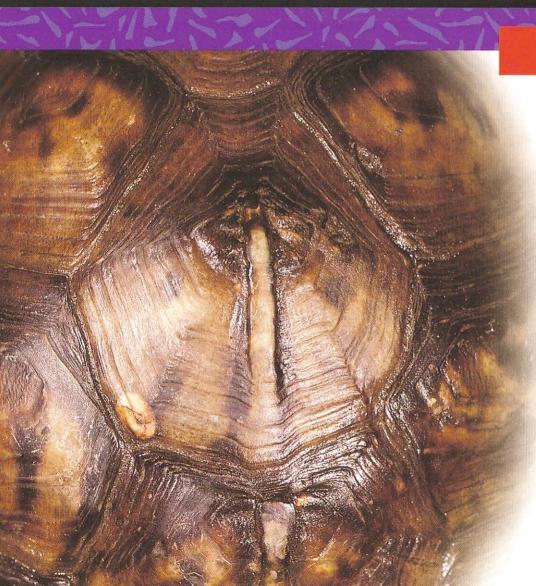
Siamese fighting fish, or "bettas," don't like company. When male fighting fish see other males, they fight. But they are good fathers. This male fighting fish is guarding its nest.

You won't have any trouble finding skin like this.



Just look at your fingertips!
These ridges help your fingers
feel and lift very small things.
The ridges make a pattern
called a fingerprint.
No two people have exactly
the same fingerprint.

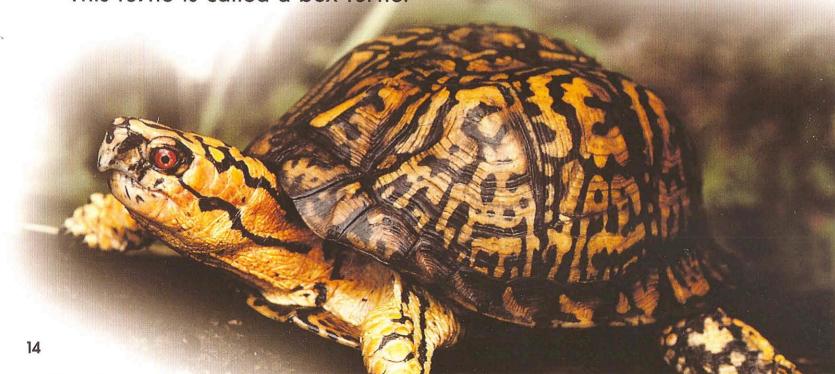


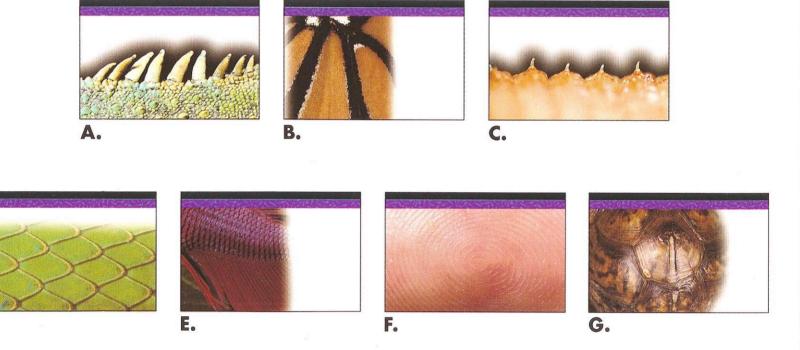


These are plates, but you wouldn't want to eat from them!

What animal has hard plates all over its back?

A turtle's shell is made of hard plates that fit snugly together. The shell's curved shape is called a dome. Domes are very strong. The underside of a turtle is also made of plates, but they are flat. This turtle is called a box turtle.





Look closely. Which animals have the skin or scales shown here?



A. Iguana



B. Monarch butterfly



C. Earthworm



D. Snake



E. Siamese fighting fish F. Boy





G. Box turtle

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