

How Do Snakes Hunt?

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Some people think snakes are slimy, icky creatures that bite you as soon as you go near them. They're wrong! After reading my feature article you will find out how snakes can do all of these amazing things that only a snake can do.



Did you know Zebra Cobras can spit venom 6 feet far! Ew?

Deadly Venom

People think venom can kill you, and they are right. Venom is modified saliva that is held in a sack at the back of the snake's head. The venom is used by the snake when hunting and to protect its self. Sometimes people don't die from a snake's bite and their venom because doctors can make anti-venom from snake venom.

Furious Fangs

Snakes have teeth called fangs that have special glands to inject venom. Four rows of fangs on the top of the mouth and two rows at the bottom. "Sometimes a snake uses its fangs to hang onto prey, because they have no arms," Carolina Tillett told me. If a snake loses its fang it can grow them back even if they fall out! It's unbelievable that a snake can bite 7,000 people a year.

Work it Snakes

Snakes move with muscles, its true plus no legs. Snakes do this by jumping of any type of bump, for example trees, rocks etc. but grass on the other hand is not a bump but a slick surface. A move is side winding that a snake can do with either sand or mud when it appears to throw their head forward and the body follows it goes on for how long it takes to get to the destination.

Hey, Where is the Nose?

Do snakes smell with their noses? No they smell with their tongues, yes you heard me right. Their tongues are fork-shaped to take particles from the air around us. An organ called the Jacobson organ on the roof of the snake's mouth tells the snake what it smells. In the snakes lip there is a little notch so the tongue can "pop" out without the mouth opening, ahh!