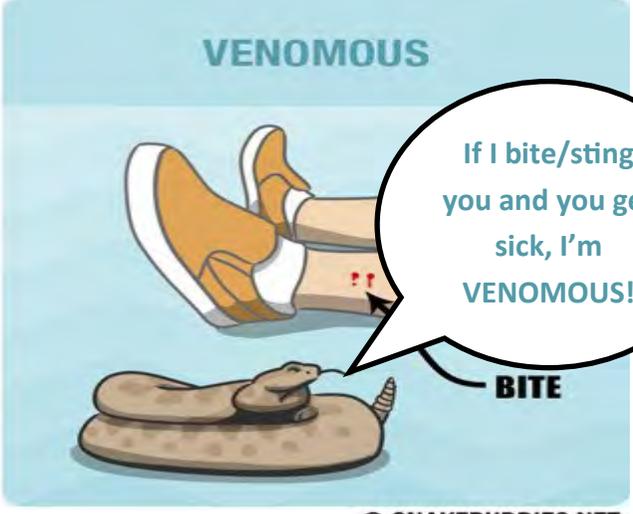


Poisonous or Venomous?

POISONOUS



VENOMOUS



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Now that you know the difference, look at the following pictures and write down if they are poisonous or venomous (answers on last page):



Spiders



Some Mushrooms



Jellyfish



Monarch Butterfly



Rattlesnakes



Duck-billed Platypus



Puffer fish



Gila Monster



Wasps



Toads



Scorpions



Poison Ivy

Snake Trivia (True or False)

1. Snakes shed their skin several times a year.
2. Snakes are more afraid of us than we are of them.
3. Snakes are slimy.
4. Snakes do more good than harm.
5. Snakes spend the winter underground.
6. Snakes chase people.
7. Snakes have eyelids.
8. All snakes lay eggs.
9. Some snakes can climb trees.
10. Snakes smell with their tongues.
11. Some snakes eat other snakes.
12. All snakes can swim.
13. Snakes only strike when coiled.
14. Snake repellants don't work.
15. All venomous snakes have triangle shaped heads in NC.
16. Snakes have ears.

Answer Key

Poisonous or Venomous? Answers

Venomous: spiders, jellyfish, rattlesnakes, duck-billed platypus, gila monster, wasps and scorpions

Poisonous: some mushrooms, Monarch butterfly, puffer fish, toads and poison ivy

Snake Trivia Answers

1. Snakes shed their skin several times a year. **(True)**
 - They shed more when they are younger and growing and less as they get older.
2. Snakes are more afraid of us than we are of them. **(True)**
3. Snakes are slimy. **(False)**
 - Only when wet!
4. Snakes do more good than harm. **(True)**
 - Snakes help keep pest populations under control.
5. Snakes spend the winter underground. **(True)**
 - They hibernate underground in what is called a hibernaculum.
6. Snakes chase people. **(False)**
7. Snakes have eyelids. **(False)**
 - Don't ever get into a staring contest with a snake!
8. All snakes lay eggs. **(False)**
 - Some lay eggs, some give live birth and some the eggs hatch inside the snake and then come out!
9. Some snakes can climb trees. **(True)**
10. Snakes smell with their tongues. **(True)**
 - Snakes collect odor particles in the air on their tongue and then "taste" them using their Jacobson's organ in the roof of their mouth.
11. Some snakes eat other snakes. **(True)**
 - Kingsnakes eat other snakes, even venomous snakes!
12. All snakes can swim. **(True)**
13. Snakes only strike when coiled. **(False)**
 - They can strike in any position.
14. Snake repellants don't work. **(True)**
15. All venomous snakes have triangle shaped heads in NC. **(False)**
 - The very venomous coral snake's head is round!
16. Snakes have ears. **(False)**
 - Snakes have no visible ears but they "hear" vibrations through bones in their jaws.