## **Pythons**

Snakes are a kind of reptile, which means they have cold blood and scales. Some snakes are as small as a coin and others are as long as a bus! Pythons are a type of snake.



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#### Habitat

Pythons like to live in places that are warm. They need to live in warm places because they have cold blood, which means they are found in deserts and jungles. Living in the jungle gives them plenty of places to hide. They usually hide in trees or under leaves on the ground. Pythons have patterned skin which helps them to blend in with the leaves and bark.

### Diet

Pythons do not eat fruit or plants. They eat small animals like rats and lizards. Some pythons are very big, so they will catch bigger animals. Pythons will hide in the trees or leaves and wait for a small animal to pass. They will jump out quickly to catch it. They squeeze the animals and then swallow them whole.

### **Fun Facts**

- Pythons can live for up to 40 years.
- Pythons are very good swimmers.
- Some pythons will hide in the high branches of trees and will catch birds as they fly past.
- There are 26 different types of python.





# **Pythons - Questions**

1.	Complete the sentence; 'Snakes are a kind of'?
2.	Where do pythons like to live?
3.	How do pythons blend in?
4.	Name two animals a python will eat.
5.	How long can pythons live for?
6.	How many different types of python are there?

