

# Little Tots "At-Home-Work"

Hi everyone! **Welcome to Reptile Week.** We are going to talk about those animals that are cold blooded, are born in eggs and have scaly skin. Snakes, Tortoises, Lizards and Crocodiles are all Reptiles.



Remember to read every day and tell a story to your favorite stuffed reptile.



**Lizards** are reptiles with 4 legs and a tail. Most lizards eat bugs, but some, like the Iguana, are plant eaters. Lizards have the ability to lose their tails, to get away from something trying to eat them. Lizards use the sun to keep warm. They might sun bathe, or climb up on a sunlit rock to feel warm. Pretend you are a Lizard, is there a place you could stay, to keep warm? Where would it be? Some lizards do "push-ups" to show how tough they are. How many push-ups can you do?

**Snakes** are reptiles without legs. Because they use their whole body to move, they are almost all muscle. Try to move like a snake. Wiggle, roll, slide, push...which method is the best? Snakes don't have good eyesight. They use their tongues to know what's around them. They can detect other animals by the heat they put off. What would your family do if you walked around sticking your tongue out all the time? Have fun turning an old sock into a snake puppet. What did you name your snake?



**Turtles/Tortoises** are among the oldest animals on Earth, some living more than 100 years. They live that long because they eat lots of fruits and vegetables. They carry their home on their backs, so are always safe and they get plenty of exercise. Find a big cardboard box and put it on your back, maybe a grownup can cut a neck hole out for you. This is your turtle shell. Practice crawling with it on your back. Can you pull your whole body inside? Many Tortoises live where it is very hot, they walk on their claws/ toenails because the ground can be hot. Pretend you are in the desert; try walking on just your fingers and toes. Is it hard?

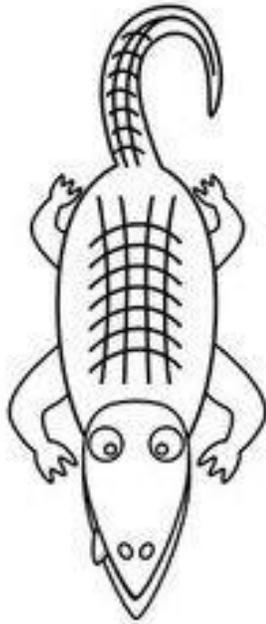
**Alligators/Crocodiles** are the biggest reptiles. They are a lot like lizards, but much bigger and tougher. They eat meat and are good hunters. They often stay just under the water, with their eyes peeking out, waiting for a tasty meal to come by. Try staying behind a table or chair, with just your eyes peeking out, look around quietly, without moving your head. What can you see, do other's see you?



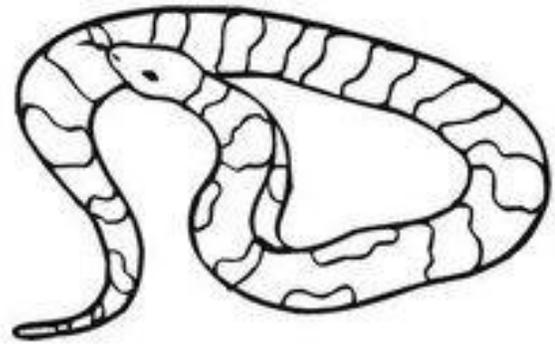
Here are some ideas for making **Reptile Snacks**. Try making an apple look like a turtle, or wrap bread dough around a hot dog and bake for a tasty snake snack. Do you have any other yummy ideas?



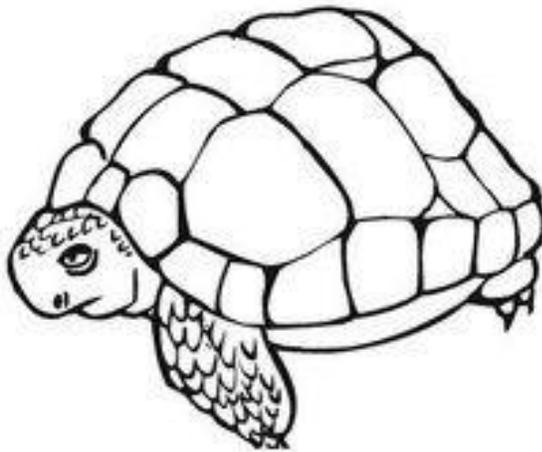
For other fun activities visit **Highlights Kids** @ [www.highlightskids.com](http://www.highlightskids.com)



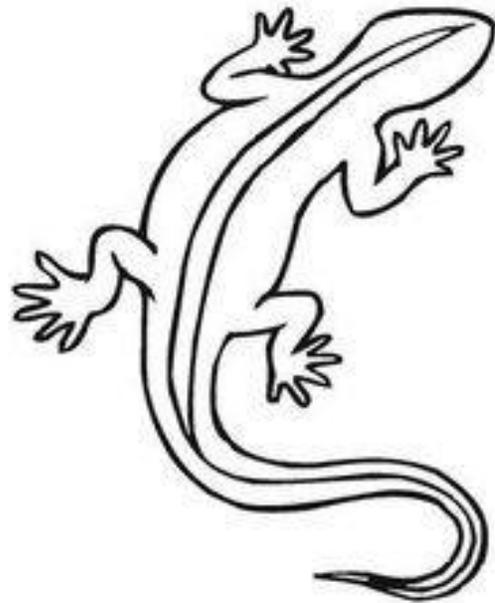
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red snake



brown turtle



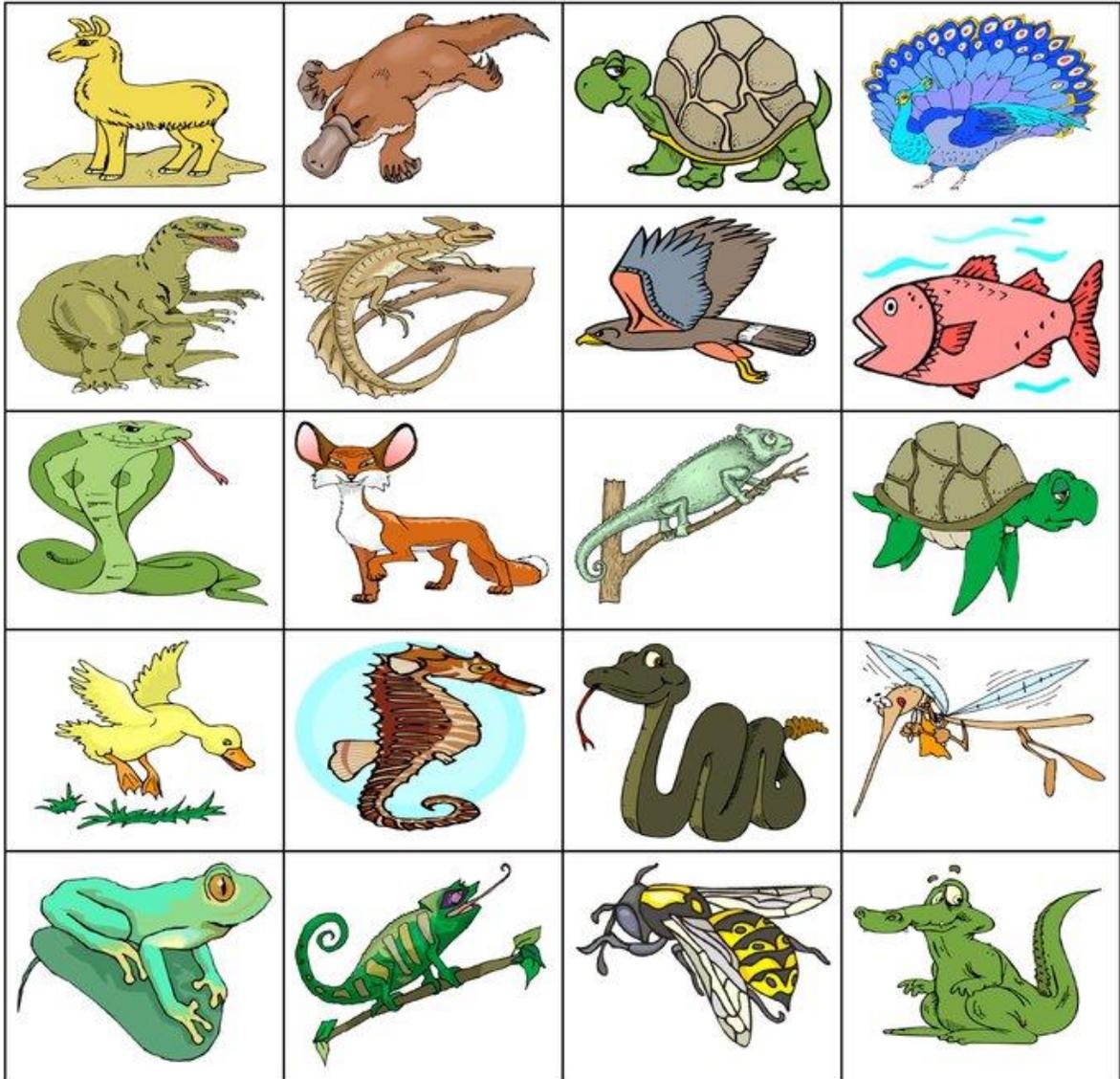
yellow lizard

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## What is a Reptile?

A **reptile** is a cold-blooded animal that breathes with lungs and has scaly skin. Most reptiles lay eggs and have four legs, but not all!

**Directions:** Look at all the animal pictures. Circle the pictures that show reptiles.



# Stripy snake

Use the snake board for a variety of counting and number activities

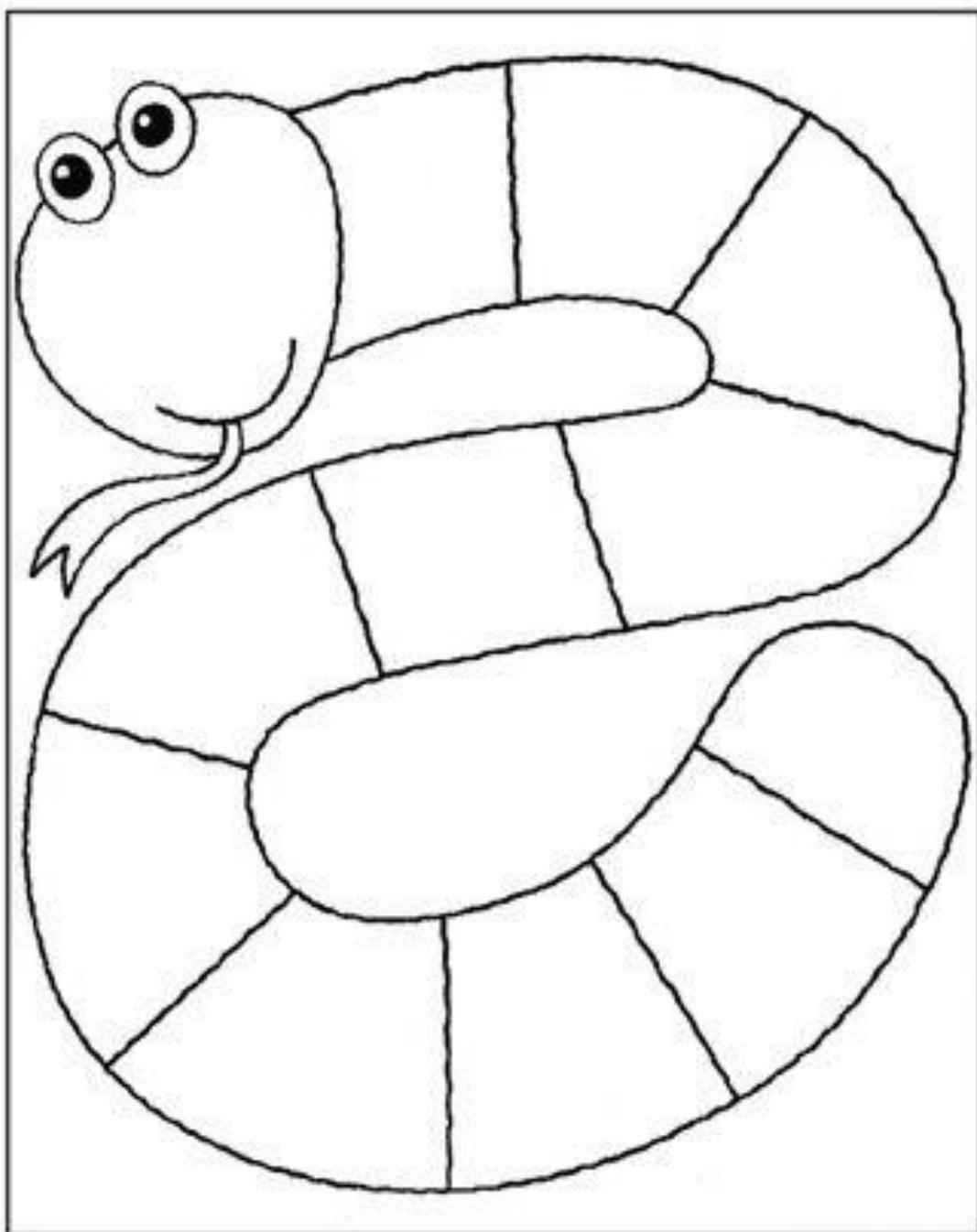
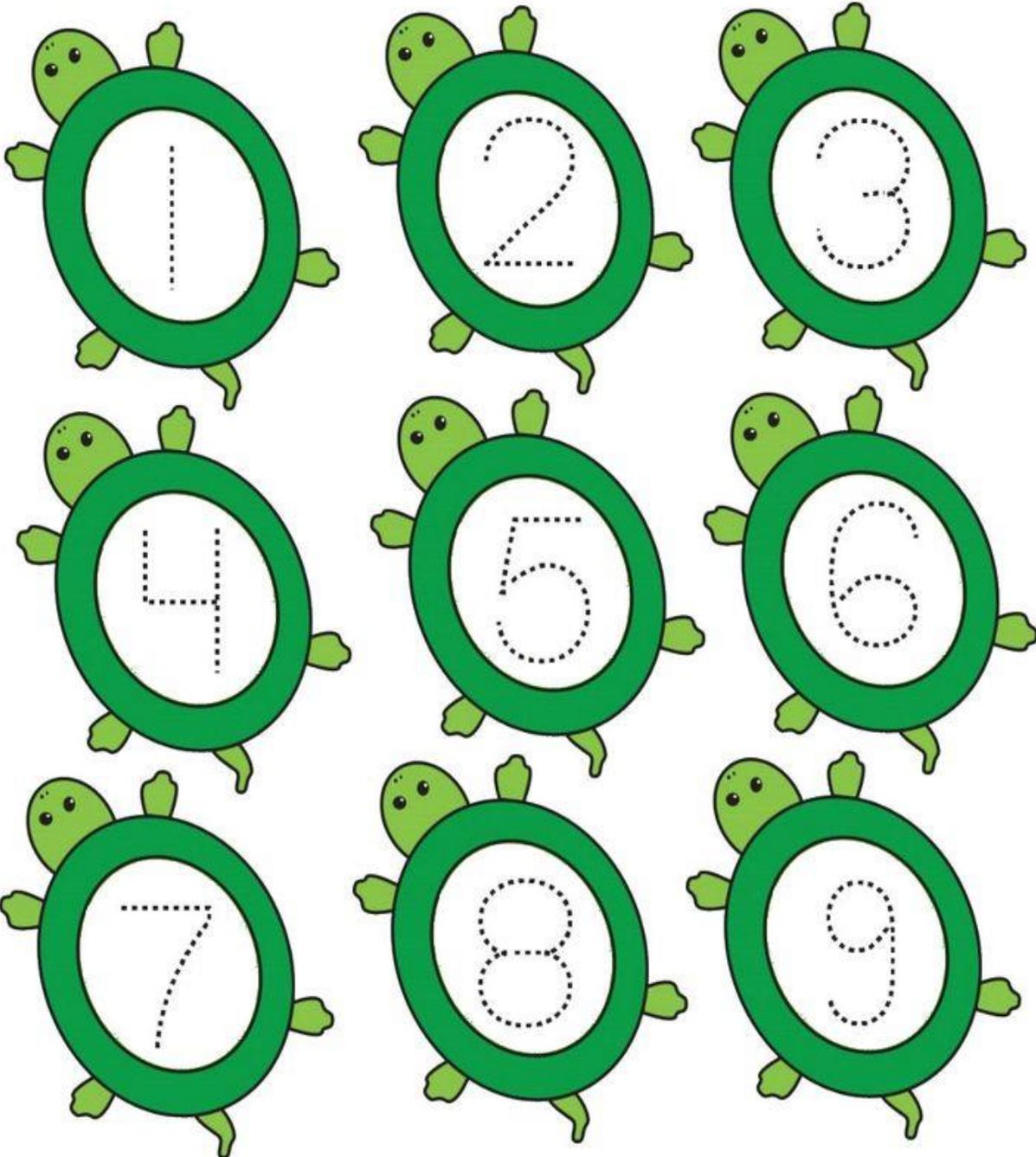


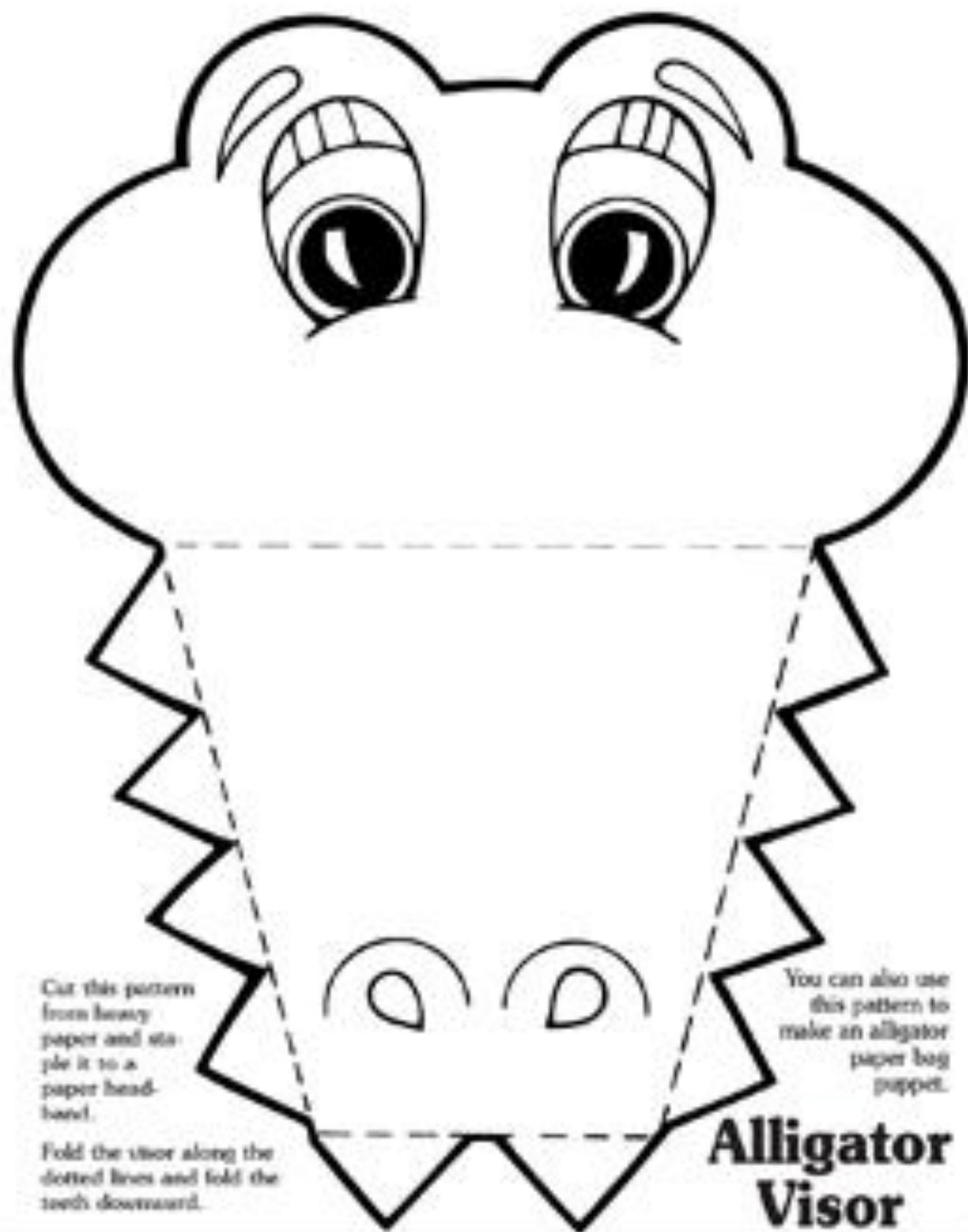
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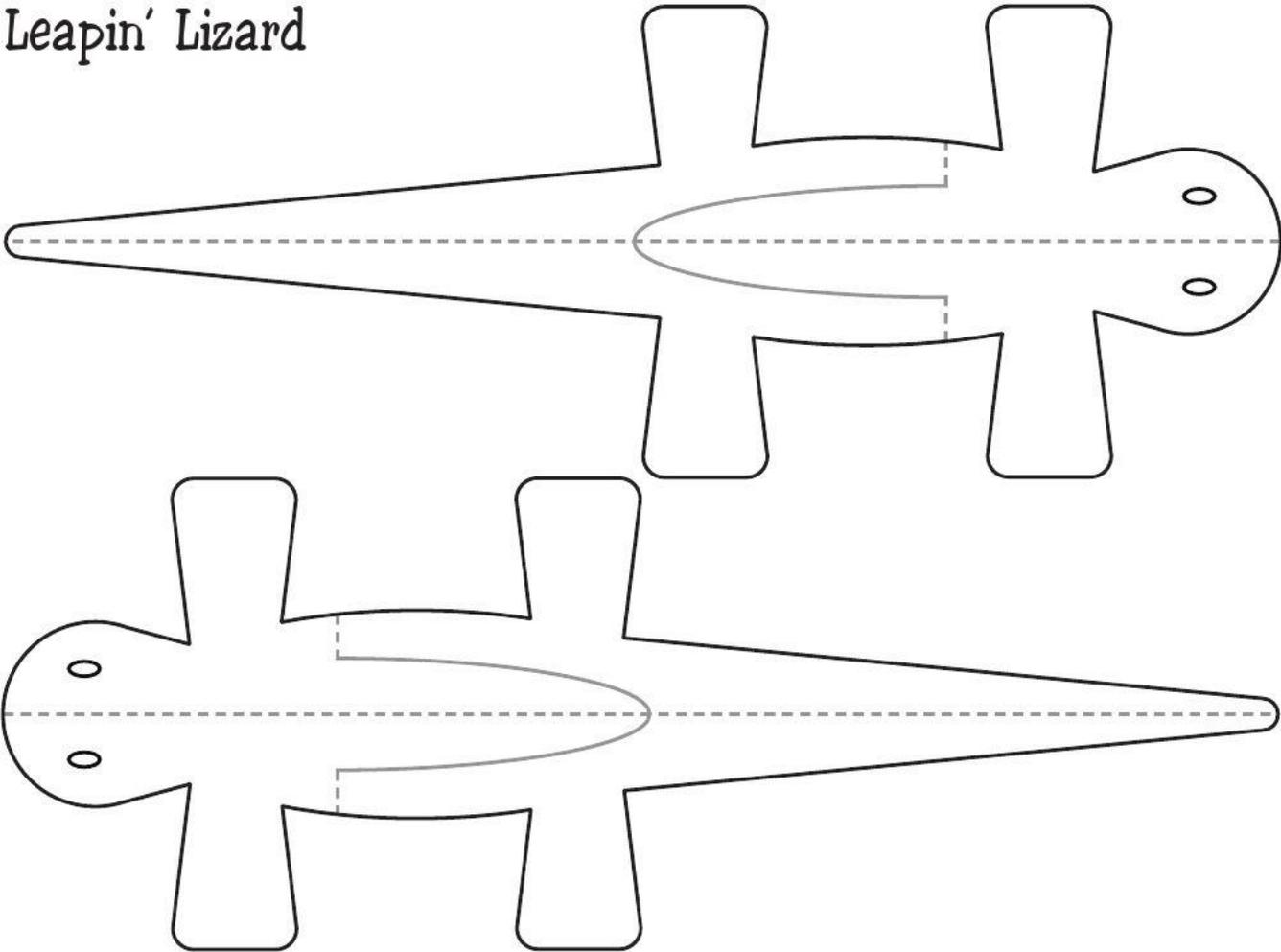
Cut this pattern from heavy paper and staple it to a paper headband.

Fold the visor along the dotted lines and fold the teeth downward.

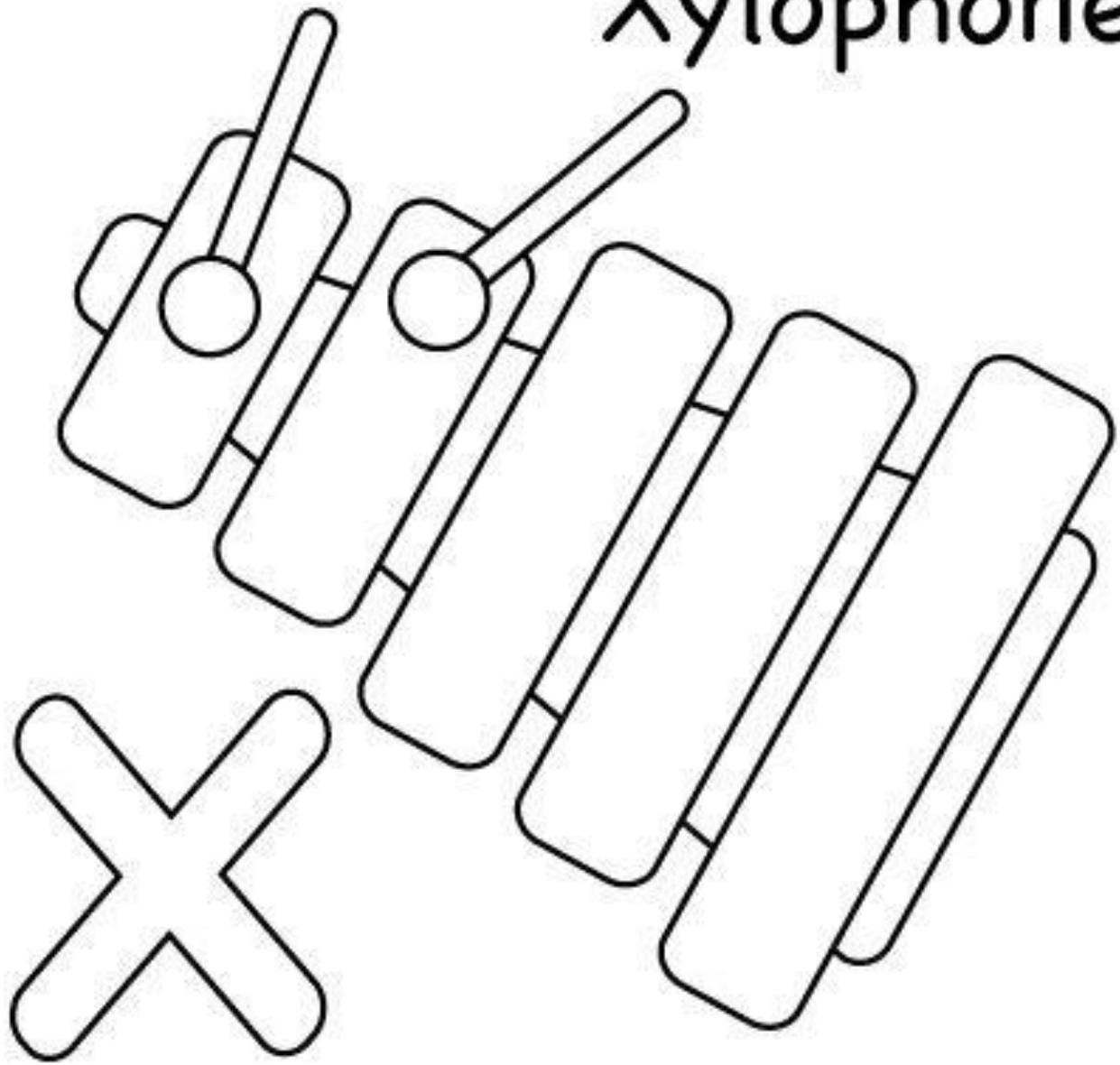
You can also use this pattern to make an alligator paper bag puppet.

## Alligator Visor

Leapin' Lizard



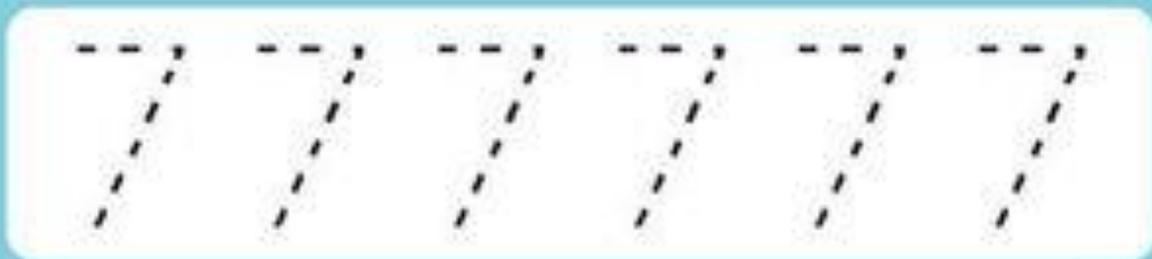
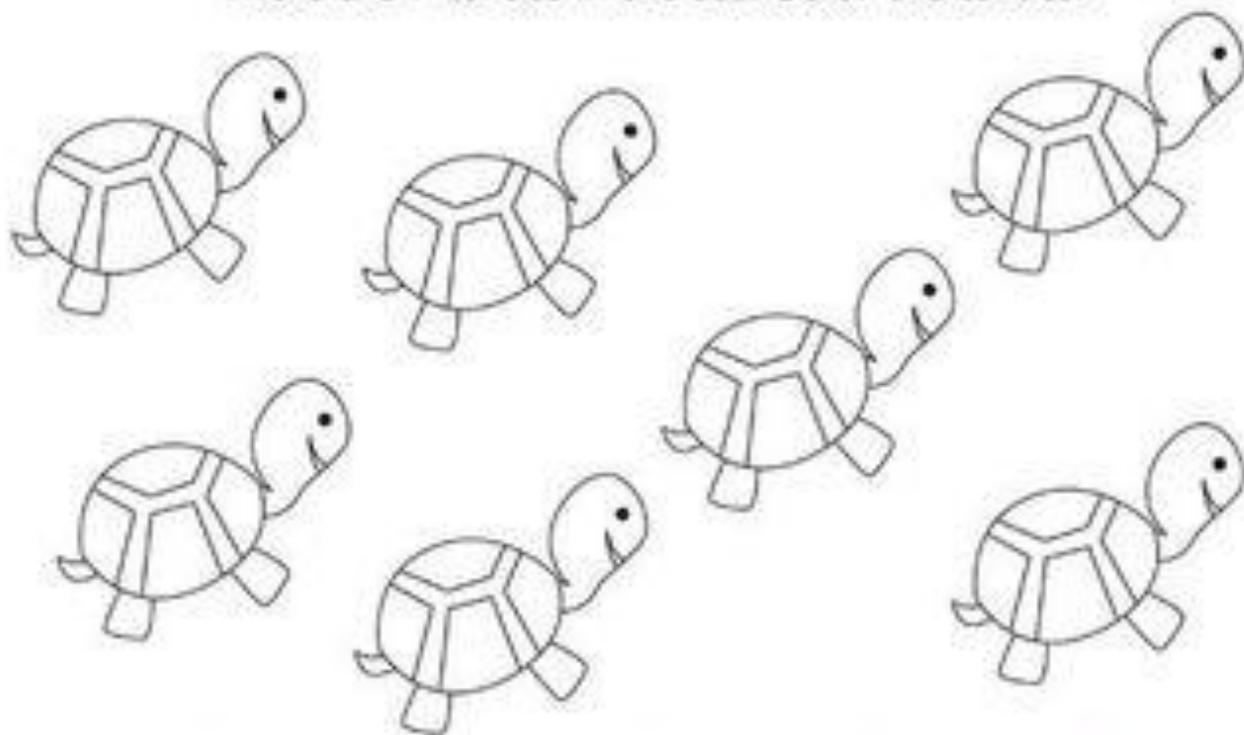
# Xylophone





# Seven

This is the number 7.  
There are 7 turtles in the sea. Color the turtles.

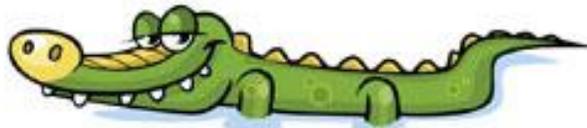
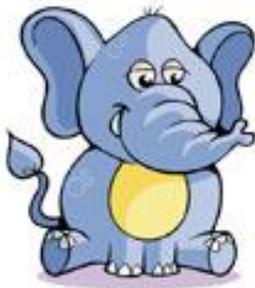
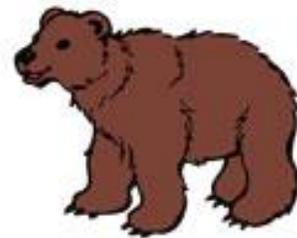


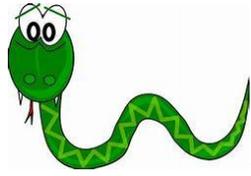
Trace the number 7.



# Reptiles are Creepy!

Circle the reptiles below.





## A Slippery Snake

Sung to the tune of "If You're Happy And You Know It"

Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake.

Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake.

Oh, I'd slither across the floor,

And slip underneath the door.

Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake.

## I'm A Little Turtle

Sung to "I'm a Little Teapot"



I'm a little turtle, with a shell.

I have four legs, a head and a tail.

When I get so scared I want to hide.

I pull my head and legs inside.