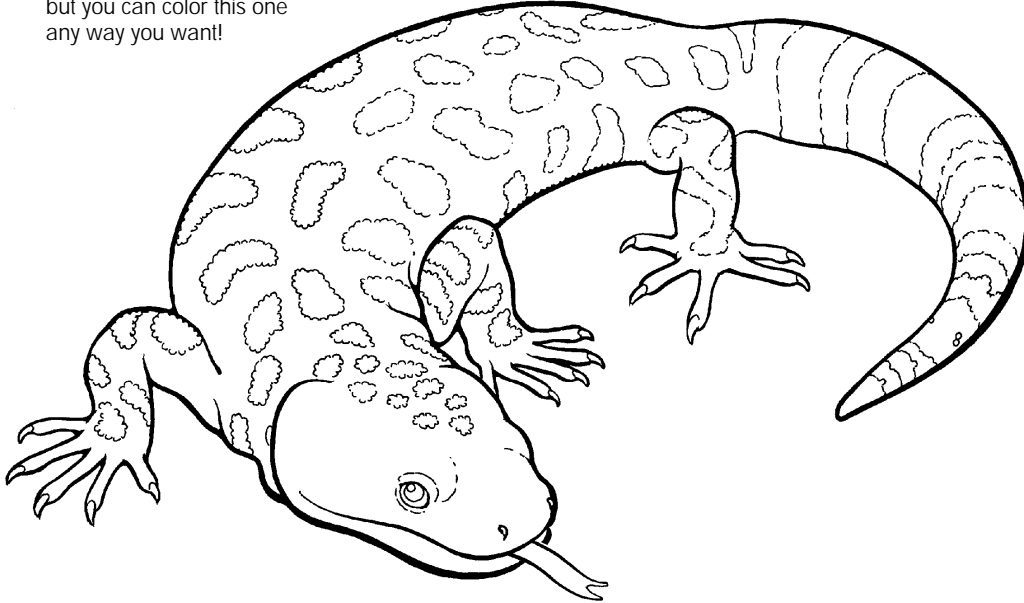


FOR CHILDREN *Only*

COLOR THE BEADED LIZARD

The beaded lizards at the Zoo are black and beige - but you can color this one any way you want!



THEY DID WHAT???

A story game about baby beaded lizards
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Gather some of your friends and family together and bring a pencil and this worksheet. Have the group think of 15 different types of action words, also known as verbs. An example of a verb might be words like hike, sleep, twirl, leap, etc. Have someone in the group write the verbs on the back of this page in the order they are suggested.

Have another person in the group read the story on the back of this page. When the reader comes to a blank space, ask the person with the verb list for the next verb. For example, if the first verb on your list is SING, the first sentence in the story

would read "Jeremy, the zookeeper, saw some of the beaded lizard eggs start to SING in the exhibit."

Write the first verb in the space marked #1. When all the verbs have been used and all the spaces are filled, have someone read the whole story. Can you figure out what verbs SHOULD have been used in each of the spaces?

A SUGGESTION: the more unusual your verb list, the sillier the story becomes!!



COLOR THE BABIES, TOO!

Then, visit them in the Zoo's Reptile Wing before they find new homes at other zoos.

BABY BEADED LIZARDS

Jeremy, the zookeeper, saw some of the beaded lizard eggs start to #1_____ in the exhibit. "Hey," he shouted. "I think these eggs are about ready to #2_____!"

He called on the radio "Attention zookeepers! The beaded lizards may #3_____ at any time!" Several Zoo staff members decided to #4_____ to the beaded lizard exhibit so that they could #5_____ with the new babies.

At first, the zookeepers saw only tiny heads peek from the leathery eggs. Then, they saw the first baby #6_____. "I thought they would be bigger," said Bob. "You could almost #7_____ one in your hand!"

"I wouldn't do that," said Cathy. "They might #8_____ you and you would #9_____!"

"Not me," said Harry. "If I were bitten by a venomous animal, I would #10_____."

After awhile, all of the hatchlings began to #11_____ in the exhibit. "What are we going to do with all of these babies?" asked Frank. "There isn't enough room for them to #12_____ when they are full grown."

"We will have to #13_____ them to other zoos around the country," said Ken. "There are several zoos that would #14_____ to have them."

Just then, two Zoo visitors walked by. "Look, mom, baby lizards! I wish I could #15_____ one!" The zookeepers looked at one another and began to explain how dangerous that idea would be.

"But you can come visit them here anytime," the zookeepers said.

VERB LIST

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