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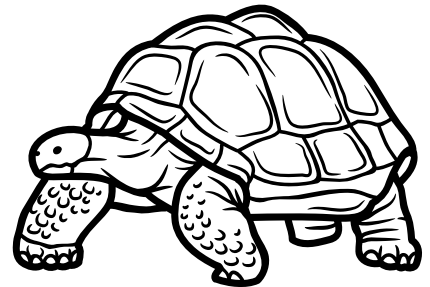
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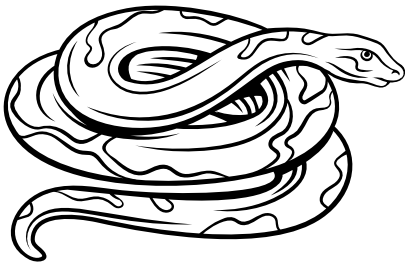
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# Animal Myths and Facts- **Answers**

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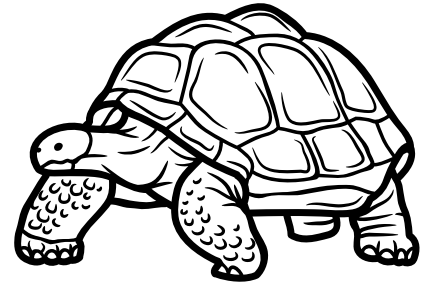
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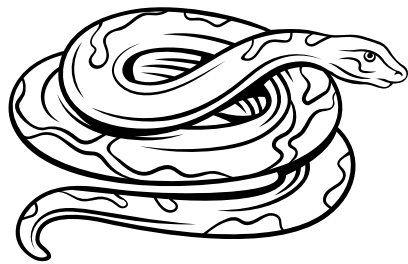
Opossums cannot hang by their tails. Opossums do have a prehensile tail that they can use to grip but their tail is not strong enough to hold their body weight for more than a few seconds. They do use their tails to balance while climbing and collect nesting materials.

2. Can a turtle leave their shell? Why or why not?

A turtle or tortoise never can leave their shell. A turtle's shell is a part of its skeleton, their spine, ribs, and shoulders are parts of the shell. Turtles and tortoises can feel everything that happens to their shells.



3. Can snakes open their mouth wide enough to eat anything? Why or why not?



Snakes can open their mouth wide enough to eat something as big around as the thickest part of their body. Snakes can open their jaws vertically and horizontally. The lower jaw can separate into two pieces to open the mouth farther.