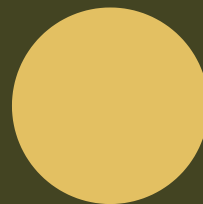


Skink Printables Free Sample

A taster from the skinks.animals.im printables collection



FREE

3 ACTIVITIES

7 PAGES

Hello, skink fans!

Three free activities to try at home or in class

In this sample

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Printing tips

- Print at **100% / actual size**.
- Inside pages are light and ink-friendly; black-and-white printing works fine.
- Print the spotter card on thin card if you have it.

Five-minute skink facts to start

- More than 1,700 skink species have been described, about a quarter of all lizard species.
- Skinks are found on every continent except Antarctica.
- Many young skinks have bright blue tails that lure predators away from the head.
- Never pick a skink up by its tail. It may come off.

All facts in the REALLYBYTE skink printables are checked against the Reptile Database, peer-reviewed studies, museums and wildlife agencies listed on the credits page.

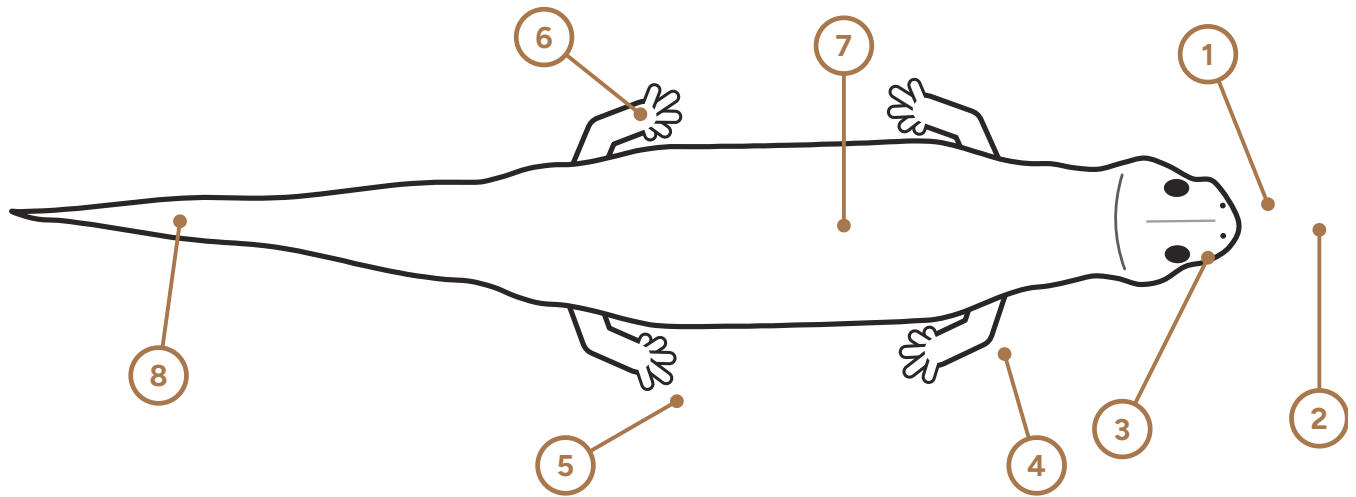


FROM THE ANATOMY & ADAPTATIONS WORKSHEETS

Label the skink

Write the correct word next to each number. This skink is seen from above.

Word bank: tail · eye · scales · back leg · nostril · toes & claws · head · front leg



1. _____
3. _____
5. _____
7. _____

2. _____
4. _____
6. _____
8. _____

Look closely.

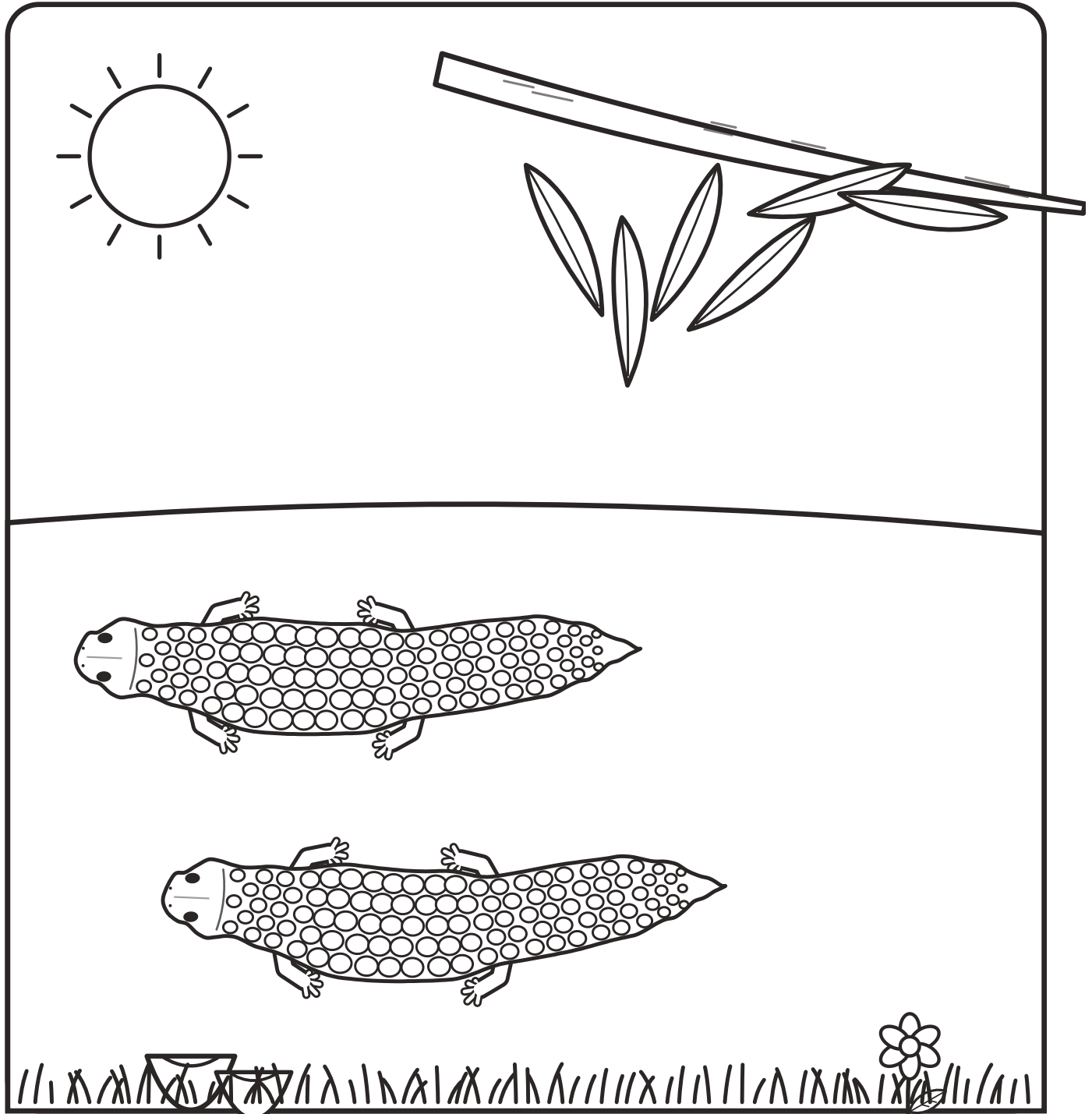
Skink scales contain bony plates called osteoderms. Why might bony plates in the scales be useful?

Answers: 1 eye; 2 nostril; 3 head; 4 front leg; 5 toes & claws; 6 back leg; 7 scales; 8 tail. The full pack has 12 activities with answer keys.

FROM THE ACTIVITY & COLOURING PACK

Partners for life

Two shinglebacks go for a walk together



DID YOU KNOW?

Shinglebacks are famous for long-term pair bonds. One pair in a long-running study stayed together for 27 years.

FROM THE SPECIES ID & SPOTTER CARDS

Skink spotter card

Cut around the outside, fold along the middle line and glue the halves together



Eastern blue-tongued skink

Tiliqua scincoides

1/1

SKINK

Watercolour: Sarah Stone, c.1790 (PD)

Eastern blue-tongued skink

WHERE IT LIVES

Eastern and northern Australia (two mainland subspecies), with a third form on Indonesia's Tanimbar and Babar islands

- **Size:** Up to about 60 cm including tail; one of the largest skinks
- **Habitat:** Woodland, grassland, farmland and, famously, suburban gardens
- **Food:** Omnivore: snails, beetles, caterpillars, flowers, fallen fruit, leafy plants
- **Babies:** Live-bearing; litters typically about 6–12, sometimes more
- Eastern blue-tongues eat garden snails, so slug pellets can poison them.
- The blue-tongued skink's tongue reflects ultraviolet light. A 2018 study suggested this makes the threat display more conspicuous to predators.

Status: Least Concern (IUCN)

Card 1/1 · Found it on the map? ☐

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The small print, kept short

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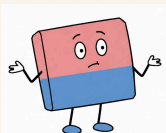
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