



READERS



Snakes

Slither and Hiss



Pre-level 1

Fishy Tales
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Level 1

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A Day in the Life of a TV Reporter
Gigantes de Hierro *en español*
Crías del mundo animal *en español*

A Note to Parents

DK READERS is a compelling program for beginning readers, designed in conjunction with leading literacy experts, including Dr. Linda Gambrell, Distinguished Professor of Education at Clemson University. Dr. Gambrell has served as President of the National Reading Conference, the College Reading Association, and the International Reading Association.

Beautiful illustrations and superb full-color photographs combine with engaging, easy-to-read stories to offer a fresh approach to each subject in the series. Each DK READER is guaranteed to capture a child's interest while developing his or her reading skills, general knowledge, and love of reading.

The five levels of DK READERS are aimed at different reading abilities, enabling you to choose the books that are exactly right for your child:

- Pre-level 1:** Learning to read
- Level 1:** Beginning to read
- Level 2:** Beginning to read alone
- Level 3:** Reading alone
- Level 4:** Proficient readers

The “normal” age at which a child begins to read can be anywhere from three to eight years old. Adult participation through the lower levels is very helpful for providing encouragement, discussing storylines, and sounding out unfamiliar words.

No matter which level you select, you can be sure that you are helping your child learn to read, then read to learn!





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Snakes

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Hiss!

See the scaly snakes
slither here and there.



scales

Look out!



egg



rat snakes



This baby rat snake
slides out of its egg.
Hiss!





tree



tree boas



eye

Look out!

This tree boa keeps its eyes open.

Hiss!



Look out!

This copperhead flicks
its tongue in and out.

Hiss!



copperheads





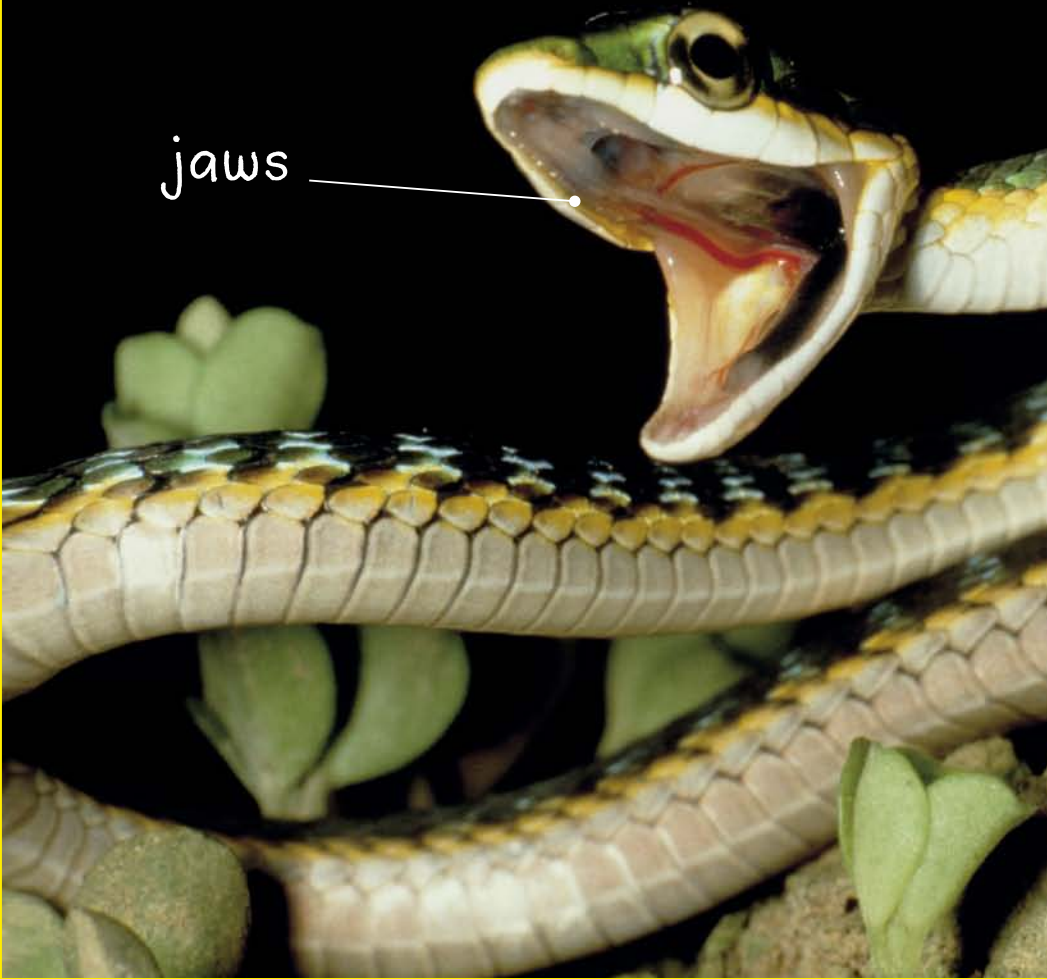
tongue



Look out!

This parrot snake opens
its jaws wider and wider.

Hiss!



jaws



parrot snakes



Look out!
This pit viper bites
with its sharp fangs.
Hiss!



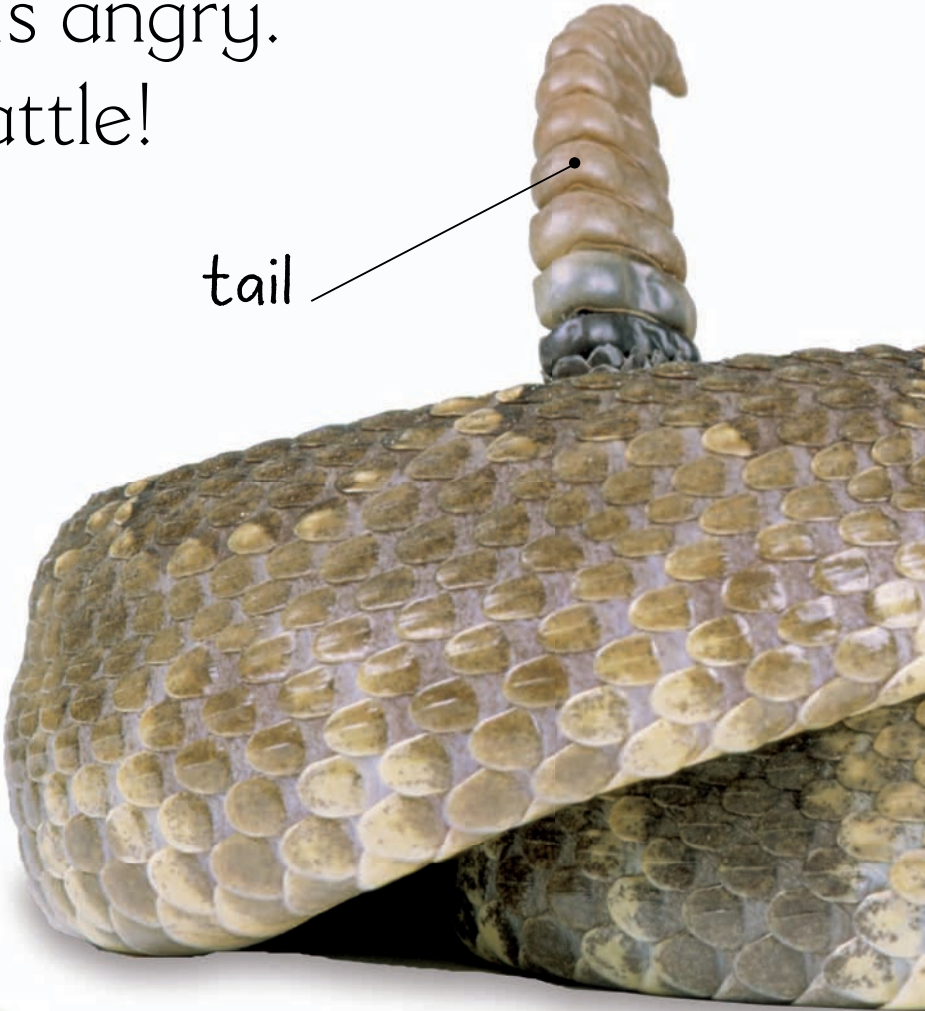
pit vipers



fang



Look out!
This rattlesnake
rattles its tail when
it is angry.
Rattle!



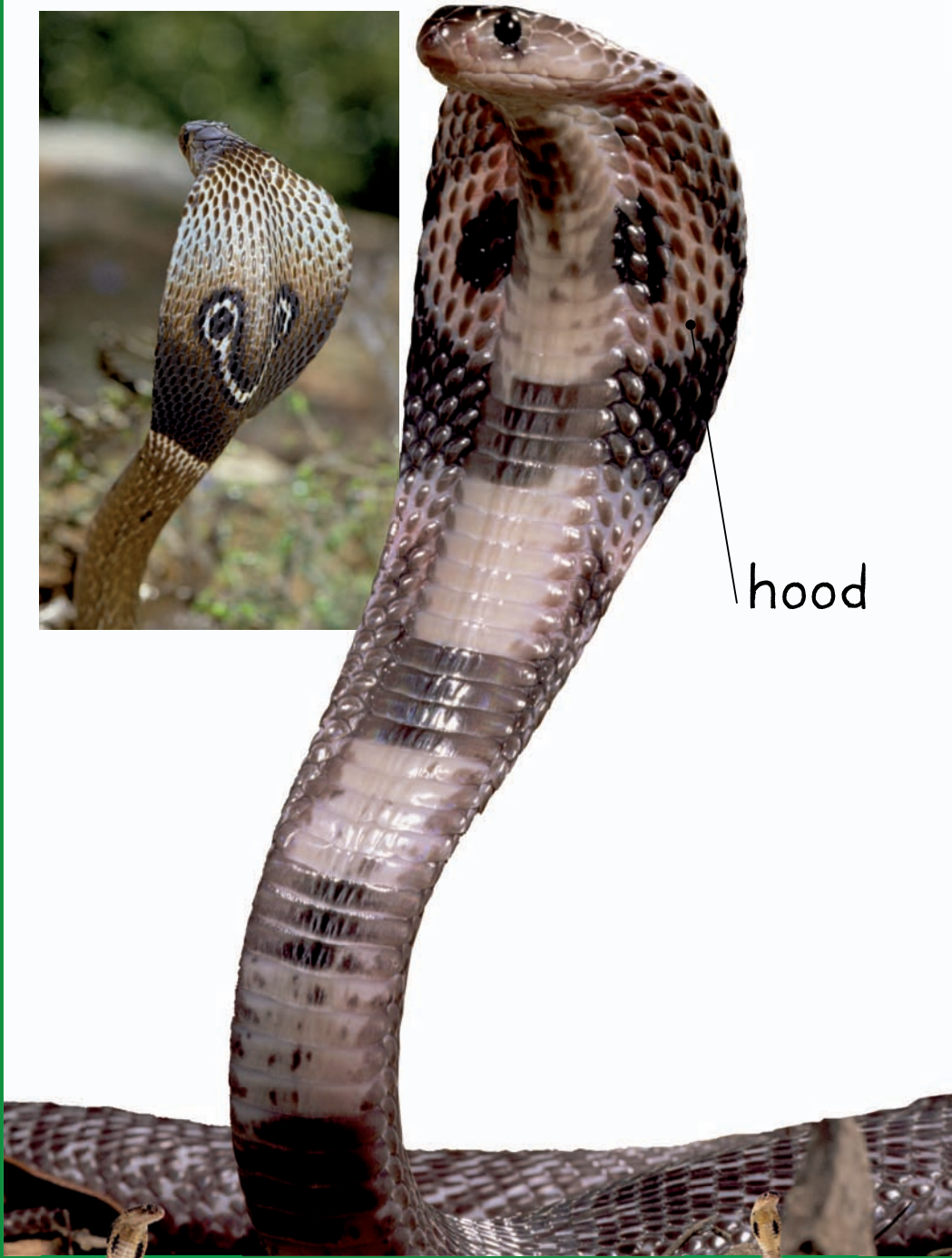
tail



rattlesnakes







hood



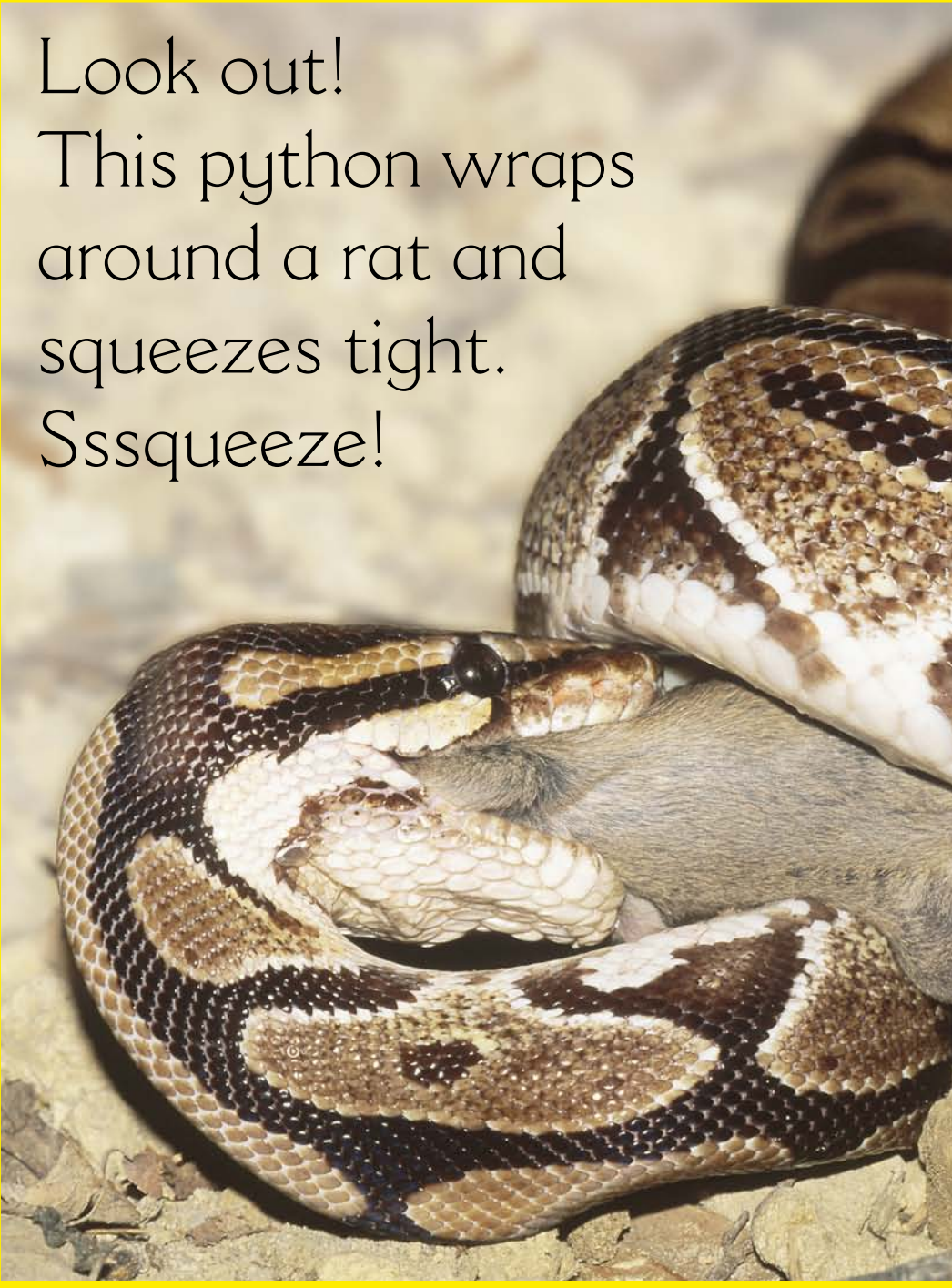
cobras



Look out!
This cobra is getting
ready to spit.
Ssspit!

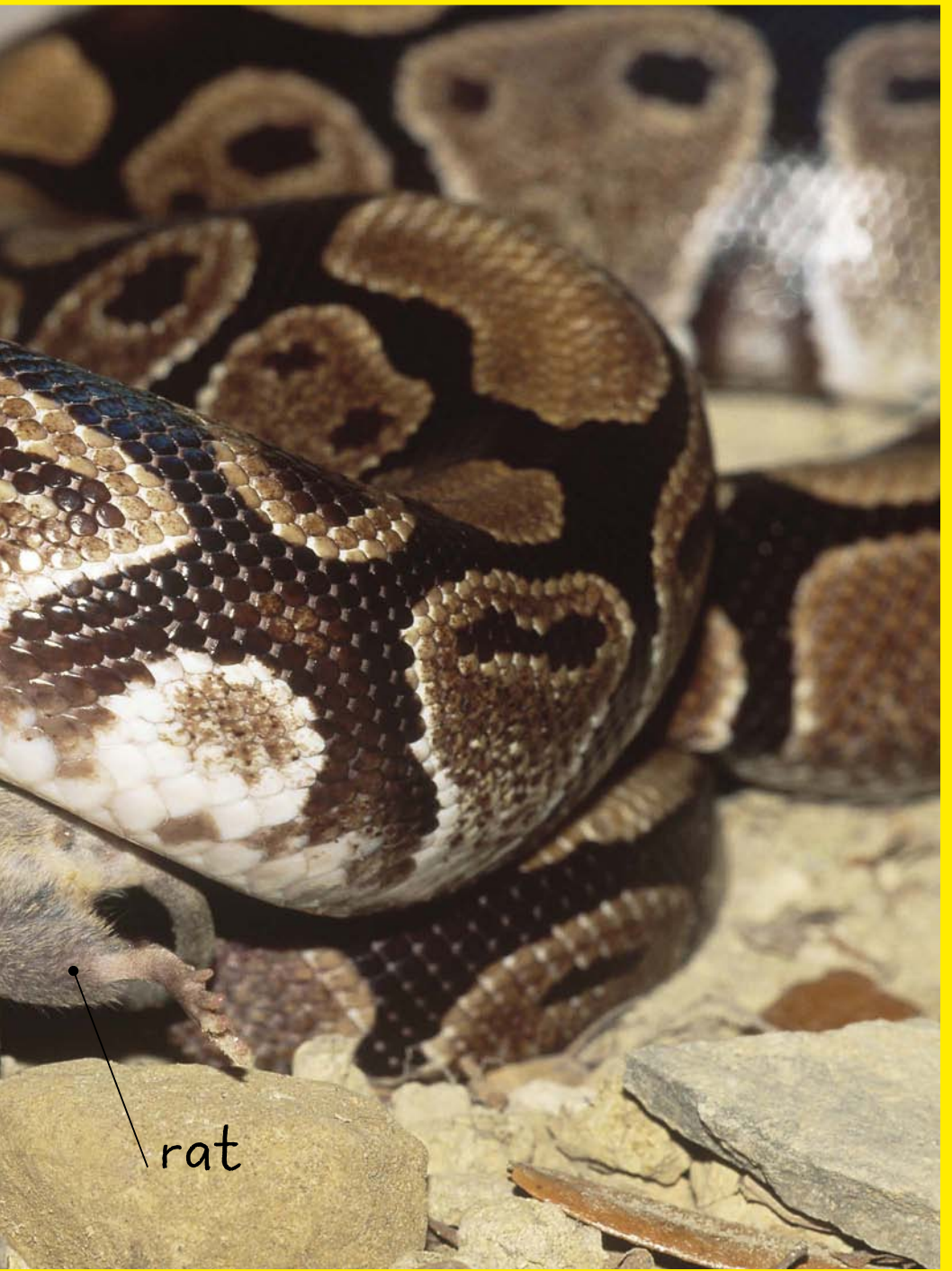


Look out!
This python wraps
around a rat and
squeezes tight.
Sssqueeze!



pythons





rat



Look out!
This gaboon viper
hides in the leaves.



gaboon vipers

Ssssh!

leaves

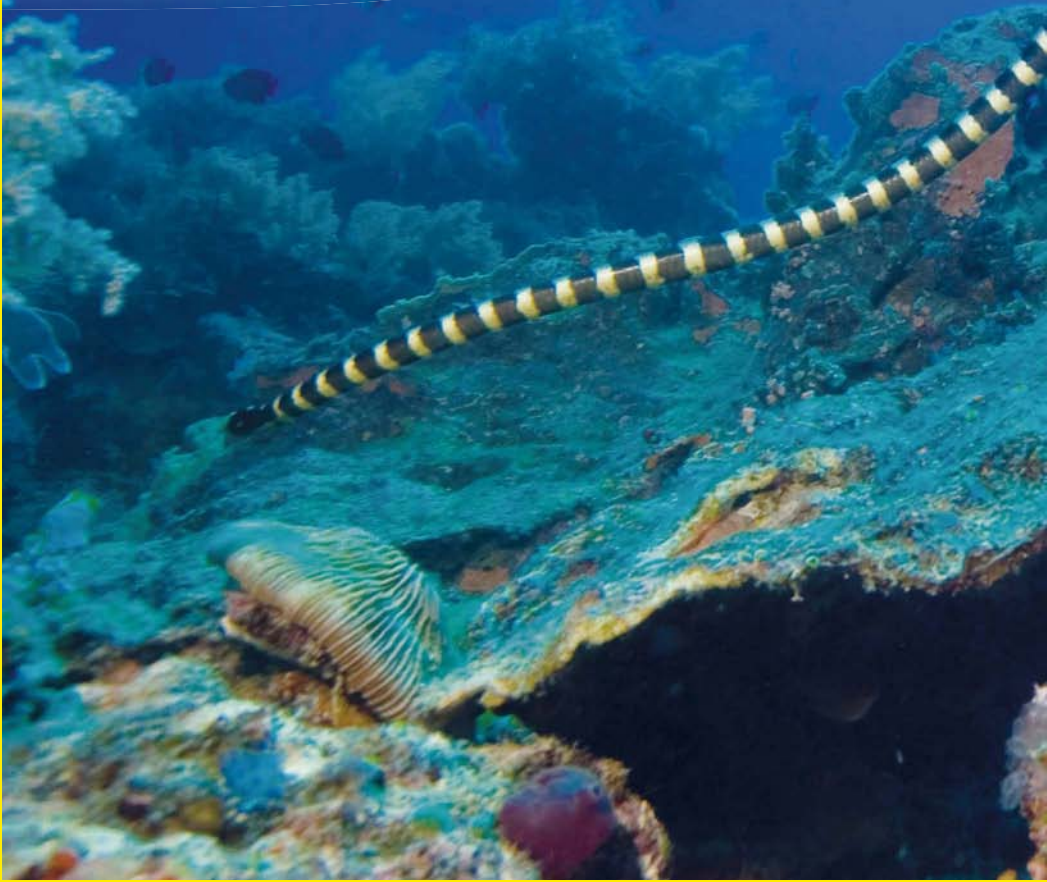
snake



Look out!

This sea snake swims
this way and that.

Sssswish!



sea snakes



stripes



Look out!

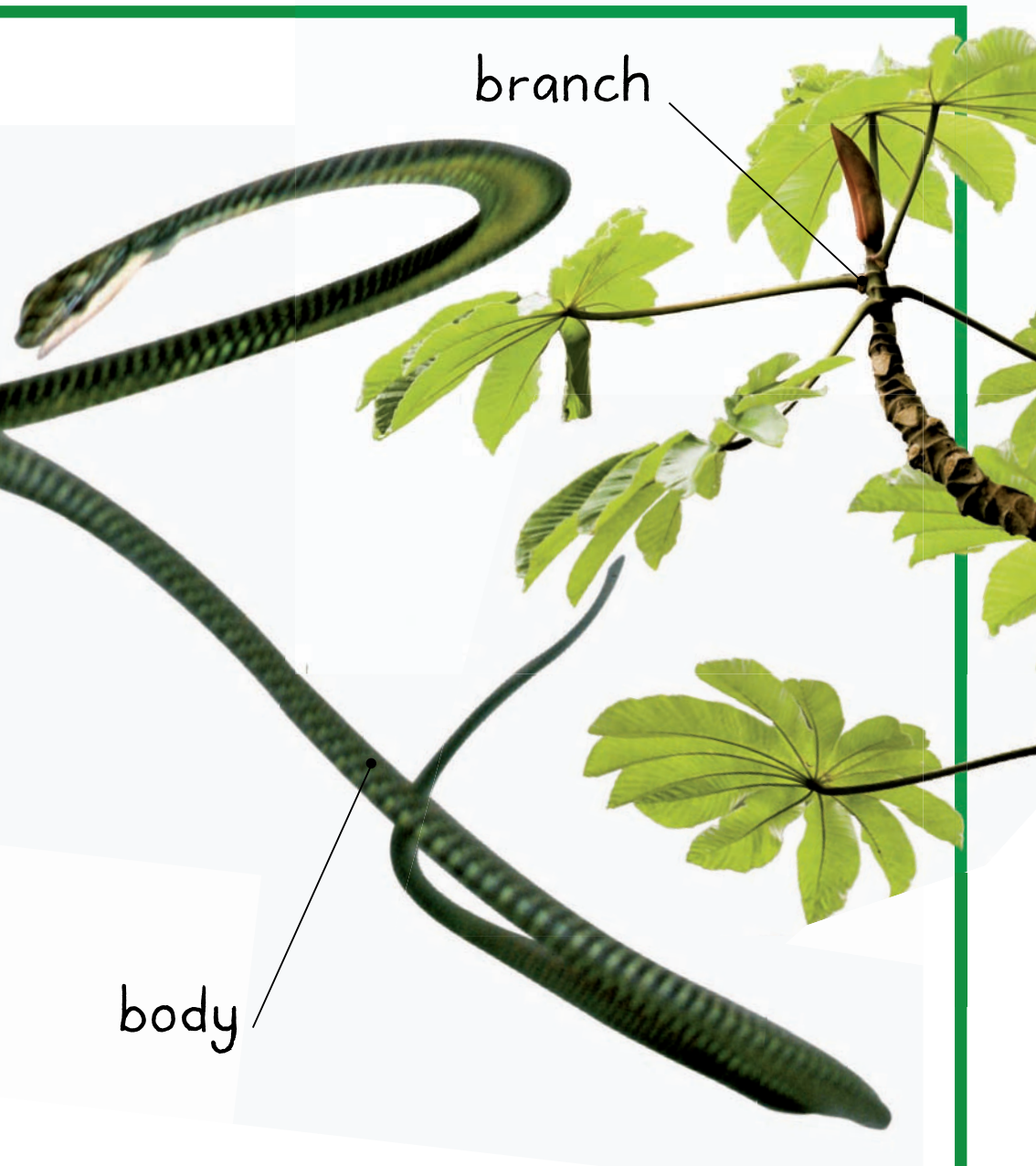
This flying tree snake
glides from branch to
branch.

Hiss!



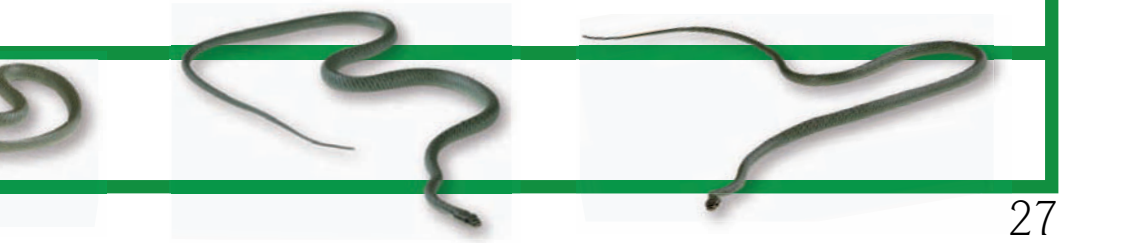
flying tree snakes





branch

body



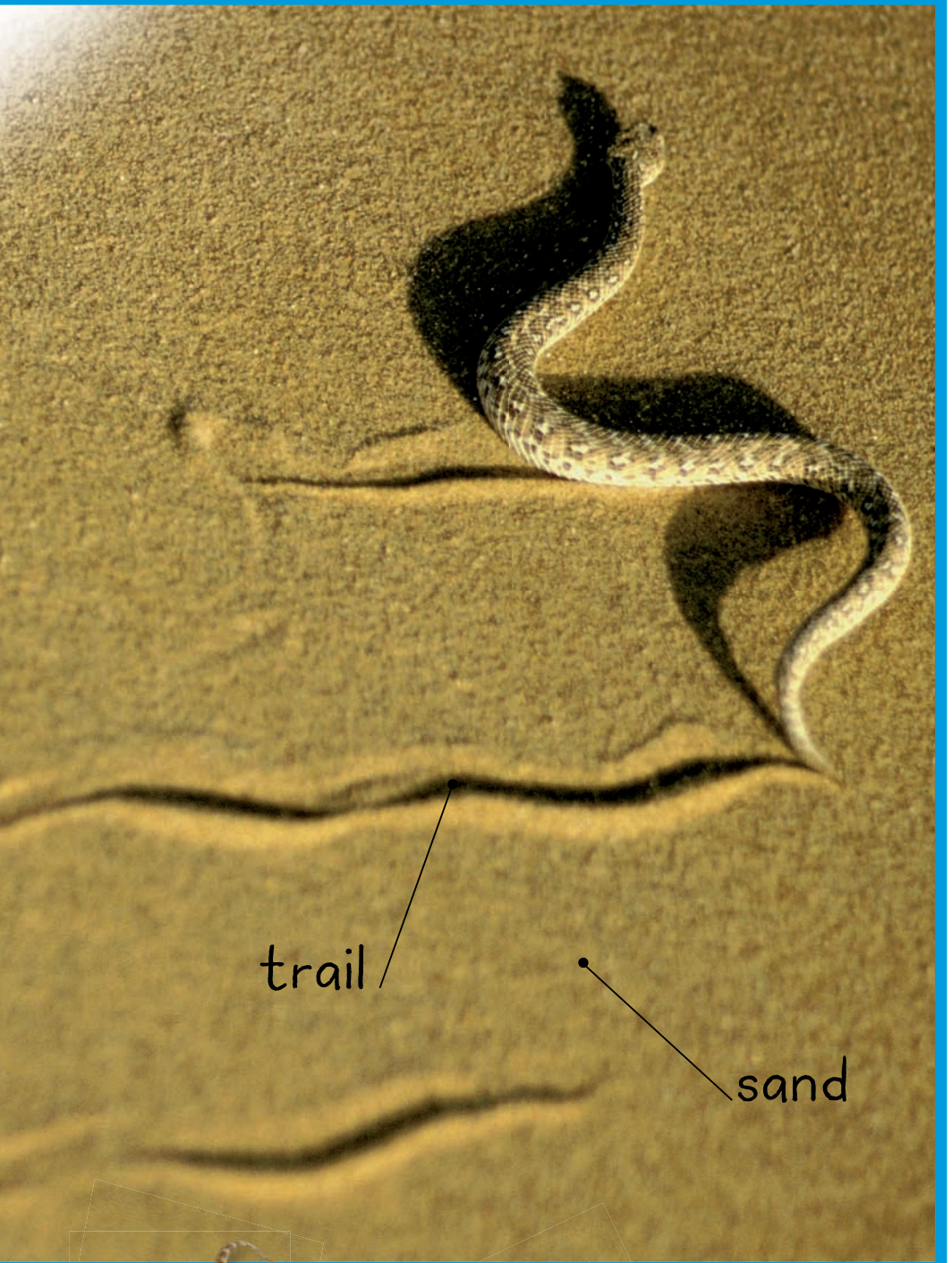
Look out!

This horned viper winds
its way across the sand.

Hiss!



horned vipers



trail

sand



See the sleepy snakes
curl up in coils.
Ssssh!



Can you slither



coil

and hiss like a snake?



Glossary



Egg a soft, leathery shell with a baby snake growing inside



Fang a large hollow tooth that shoots out poison



Jaws bones that open and close the mouth



Scales small, smooth plates that cover the skin



Tongue a mouth part that can smell, touch, and taste

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 **READERS**

My name is

I have read this book



Date



Hissing snakes, spitting snakes, slithering snakes—which ones do you like best?



DK READERS

Stunning photographs combine with lively illustrations and engaging, age-appropriate stories in DK READERS, a multilevel reading program guaranteed to capture children's interest while developing their reading skills and general knowledge.

	<p>Learning to read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High-frequency words ● Picture word strips, picture glossary, and simple index ● Labels to introduce and reinforce vocabulary ● High level of adult participation helpful
	<p>Beginning to read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Simple sentences and limited vocabulary ● Picture glossary and simple index ● Adult participation helpful
	<p>Beginning to read alone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Longer sentences and increased vocabulary ● Information boxes full of extra fun facts ● Simple index ● Occasional adult participation helpful
	<p>Reading alone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More complex sentence structure ● Information boxes and alphabetical glossary ● Comprehensive index
	<p>Proficient readers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rich vocabulary and challenging sentence structure ● Additional information and alphabetical glossary ● Comprehensive index

With DK READERS, children will learn to read—then read to learn!

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