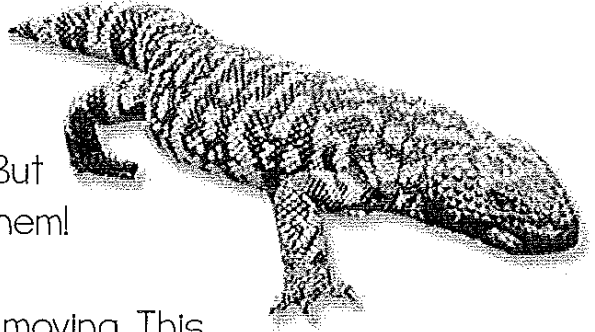


Gila Monsters

A Gila Monsters are a species of poisonous lizards. They are the only poisonous lizards that live in North America. But don't worry, you do not have to be scared of them!



B Luckily they are very lethargic, or slow moving. This makes them not very dangerous to humans. The Gila Monster's poison is in its saliva, or spit. When they bite, some of their spit gets in the blood, and causes a strong sickness. This sickness can last between 3 and 7 days. The poison is not deadly to humans though. No people have died from a Gila monster bite in almost 100 years.

C Gila Monsters only use their bite as a defense. Scientists believe that their bright orange colors are to warn other animals to stay away. They only hunt and eat small, weak animals. They also eat eggs, and animals that are already dead.

D Gila Monsters live in Arizona, New Mexico, parts of California, Utah and Mexico. There used to be so many. But in recent years, there are less and less. Hunting and scientific research have made the Gila monster a rare animal. Also, people have killed off many Gila Monsters because they fear them.

E They like to spend most of their time underground. Gila Monsters love dark burrows and rocky shelters. During the spring and early summer they come out in the morning. But during late summer, they come out on warm nights. They also come out of hiding after thunderstorms. Gila Monsters have to watch out because they can be eaten by coyotes and meat eating birds.


F Even though Gila Monsters are poisonous, they are thankfully not a real threat to humans. But, you might not want to pick one up if you see it in the wild!


RI.3.2

1. Write one WORD that describes the main idea of the text: _____

2 Write a sentence that tells the main idea of the text.

Complete Sentences | Cite the Evidence | Restate the Question

3.  Color in a key detail that supports the main idea of the text.
Explain in your own words how this detail supports the main idea.

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RI.3.0

5. Write one WORD to summarize the following paragraphs:

B. _____ C. _____

D. _____ E. _____

6. Summarize what the text says about Gila Monsters.

Complete Sentences | Cite the Evidence | Restate the Question

RI.3.1

7. Write three questions where the answer could be found in the text. Then find the answer to your question and color it.

1. _____

Color the answer to your question 

2. _____

Color the answer to your question 

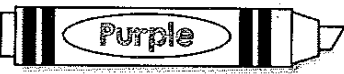
3. _____

Color the answer to your question 

RI.3.4

8. Find the underlined word, lethargic in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

RI.3.6

9.  Color the sentences in the text where the author shares their opinion or point of view about why Gila Monsters are not usually a danger to humans.

10. Describe the author's point of view.

11. What is your opinion, or point of view about Gila Monsters being a danger to humans?

12. How is your point of view different or the same as the author's point of view?