

reptile

an animal that has
scaly skin and lays
soft-shelled eggs
on land

turtle

a slow-moving
reptile with webbed
feet and a domed
shell; spends most
of its time in water

tortoise

a slow-moving reptile
with round stumpy
feet and a domed
shell; spends most
of its time on land

terrapiin

a reptile with a
domed shell; lives
near swampy water,
but spends time on
land and water

cold-blooded

keeping a body
temperature that
is almost the same
as the surrounding
air

lizard

a reptile closely related to snakes; usually have a small head, short neck and long body and tail; most have moveable eyelids

snake

a reptile with a
long slender
flexible body, and
no legs, eyelids or
ear flaps

crocodile

a thick-skinned reptile
with a long pointed
v-shaped snout; lives
mostly in salt water;
fourth tooth in lower
jaw sticks up over
upper lip

alligator

a thick-skinned
reptile with a wide
u-shaped snout;
lives mostly in
fresh water

tuatara

a one-of-a-kind reptile found only in New Zealand; looks like a lizard, but most closely related to a species of extinct dinosaur; has crest of spiky scales down the center of its back and a "third eye" on top of its head

egg

an oval or round
object from which
a smaller version
of a reptile is born

vertebrate

an animal with a
backbone; reptiles
are vertebrates

scales

small stiff plates made
of keratin that grow
out of a reptile's skin
to help provide
protection and keep the
skin from drying out

herpetologist

a person who
studies reptiles