

Test Your Gila Monster Knowledge

Test your knowledge about Gila monsters by completing the quiz.

- What kind of ecosystem do Gila monsters live in?
A ☐ Rainforest B ☐ Desert
C ☐ Tundra D ☐ Coral reef
- Gila monster scales contain bony plates called _____.
A ☐ Osteoderms B ☐ Tusks
C ☐ Talons D ☐ Fangs
- The term “osteoderm” translates to...
A ☐ Claw-mouth B ☐ Tooth-nail
C ☐ Big-scale D ☐ Bone-skin
- Gila monsters store _____ in their tail.
A ☐ Water B ☐ Cartilage
C ☐ Fat D ☐ Food
- Gila monsters spend so much of their lives underground that scientists don't have an accurate estimate of how many exist.
A ☐ True B ☐ False
- Gila monsters are unique for lizards because they...
A ☐ Are strong swimmers
B ☐ Are venomous
C ☐ Migrate
D ☐ Eat plants
- Scientists hypothesize that the main purpose of a Gila monster's venom is to...
A ☐ Kill prey
B ☐ Heal wounds
C ☐ Defend themselves
D ☐ Attract mates
- Like snakes, Gila monsters...
A ☐ Smell with their tongue
B ☐ Move by slithering
C ☐ Breathe underwater
D ☐ Have a rattling tail
- How do male Gila monsters compete for mates?
A ☐ They make a low bellowing sound
B ☐ They flash bright colors
C ☐ They wrestle
D ☐ They do unusual dances
- Scientists found that Gila monster venom can be used to make a very helpful medication.
A ☐ True B ☐ False