



Exotic pets

Read the passage below. The words in bold are important.

Use dictionaries and reference books to find out their meanings.

Most **reptiles** kept as pets are adapted to living in tropical or **sub-tropical** climates. They are entirely dependent on their owners to provide suitable conditions for them and will suffer if their needs are not met. Reptiles may not provide the type of companionship and **interaction** that some owners want from a pet. Reptiles should not be handled by children unless supervised by adults. They should wash their hands afterwards.

Now fill in the blanks below using the following words:

Reptiles, such as snakes and green iguanas may be interesting and unusual, but some are _____ and _____ to look after correctly. They are _____ as pets unless you know how to look after them properly. Green iguanas can live for up to _____ years.

What do reptiles need?

A great deal of _____. A young green iguana can grow up to _____ m long. As they grow they need more and more space. The right type of food might include _____ and _____. You need to recreate an animal's natural environment as closely as possible. This might mean controlling the _____ and the _____ according to the animal's needs. Some reptiles are _____ especially to _____ and _____. You need to spend time and _____ on them.

- 15
- 1.5
- difficult
- light
- money
- expensive
- not suitable
- dangerous
- space
- rodents
- temperature
- small children
- insects
- pets