

Let's slither into the world of garter snakes, one of the most common snakes in North America! These cool critters are not very large, usually between two to three feet long, and they come in a variety of colors like red, green, blue, and yellow. They are easily recognizable by the long stripes that run lengthwise down their bodies, which is actually how they got their name (like the stripes on a garter belt). While they might look scary to some, they are actually quite harmless and interesting creatures.



Continuing from their interesting look, do you know that garter snakes have a surprisingly diverse diet? They're not picky eaters at all and are known to eat almost anything they can catch including slugs, worms, frogs, and even small birds. Some garter snakes have also been known to swim and catch small fish for their meals. This variety in their diet makes them very adaptable to different environments.

Speaking of different environments, garter snakes can be found living in a wide range of habitats. They prefer to live near water bodies, but you can also find them in forests, grasslands, and sometimes even in your backyard. During their life cycle, garter snakes hibernate in the winter, and mate and give birth to live young in the summer. Unlike most snakes, garter snakes give birth to live young instead of laying eggs!



Not just their unique life cycle, garter snakes have a special relationship with us humans and other animals too. While they may seem scary, they can actually be helpful by eating pests that can harm our gardens and homes. They have some natural predators like hawks, raccoons, and foxes, and when threatened, they produce a foul-smelling scent to ward off predators. Aren't garter snakes fascinating? Despite their small size, they play a big role in our ecosystem!

<ol> <li>How I A. The fee C. The los</li> <li>What A. The wa C. The</li> <li>What A. The wa C. The</li> <li>What A. Ga ins C. Ga</li> <li>When A. In</li> </ol>	problem. ticle to answer the question. long are most garter snakes? hey are usually between two to three et long.	R	
<ol> <li>How I A. The fee C. The los</li> <li>What A. The war C. The</li> <li>What A. The war C. The</li> <li>What A. Ga instruction</li> <li>What A. Ga</li> <li>What A. Ga</li> <li>When A. In</li> </ol>	long are most garter snakes? hey are usually between two to three	R	
<ul> <li>A. The feet</li> <li>C. The loss</li> <li>2) What and the end of the</li></ul>	hey are usually between two to three	R	
fee C. Th lot 2) What A. Th wa C. Th 3) What A. Ga ins C. Ga 4) When A. In		R	
<ul> <li>2) What 4</li> <li>A. The way of the constraints of the const</li></ul>		D.	They are usually less than one foot long.
<ul> <li>A. The way of the way of</li></ul>	hey are usually more than six feet ng.	D.	They are usually four to five feet long.
wa C. Th 3) What A. Ga ins C. Ga 4) When A. In	do garter snakes do when they are threa	tene	ed?
<ul> <li>3) What :</li> <li>A. Ga in:</li> <li>C. Ga</li> <li>4) When A. In</li> </ul>	hey produce a foul-smelling scent to ard off predators	B.	They rattle their tail to scare off predators
<ul> <li>A. Ga int</li> <li>C. Ga</li> <li>4) When A. In</li> </ul>	hey make a loud screeching noise	D.	They play dead
<ul> <li>A. Ga int</li> <li>C. Ga</li> <li>4) When A. In</li> </ul>	is a unique trait of the garter snake's life	e cy	cle?
4) When A. In	arter snakes give birth to live young stead of laying eggs.	•	Garter snakes only lay a single egg.
A. In	arter snakes lay eggs in sand.	D.	Garter snakes adopt other snakes' babies.
A. In	do garter snakes hibernate?		
C. In	summer	B.	They never hibernate
	spring	D.	In winter
5) What	interesting thing do some garter snakes	do t	for their meals?
-	hase insects and birds in the air		Climb trees and eat bird eggs
C. Bu	urrow in the ground and eat bugs	D.	Swim and catch fish
6) What	do garter snakes look like?		
-	hey are short and have no stripes.	B.	They have spots all over their bodies.
	hey are long and have stripes nning down their bodies.	D.	They are long and have a solid color.
7) When	do garter snakes usually give birth?		
A. In	the summer	В.	In the fall
C. In	the winter	D.	In the spring
8) Which	h animal is not a listed predator of garte	r sna	akes?
A. Sh	neep	В.	Raccoons
C. Fo	oxes	D.	Hawks
9) Where	e do garter snakes live mostly?		
A. Or	n trees	В.	Near water bodies
C. In	caves	D.	Under the ground

 1-10
 95
 90
 85
 80
 75
 70
 65
 60
 55
 50

 11-20
 45
 40
 35
 30
 25
 20
 15
 10
 5
 0

	Garter Sna	ake	e Name:
0) Why are garter snakes calle	ed 'garter' snakes?		
A. They wear garter belts	]	B.	They use garter belts to catch their prey
C. They live in garter belt	factories	D.	Because of the long stripes that run lengthwise on their bodies

## Determine if the statements is something the animal would say (W) or it it is not something the animal would say (N).

- 11) "In the winter months, you can find us garter snakes sunbathing."
- 12) "Did you know that I give birth to live young instead of laying eggs like most snakes?"
- 13) "Even though I might scare you, I actually help by eating pests and other small creatures."
- 14) "When I am in danger, I release a yucky smell to protect myself from predators."
- 15) "I'm a tiny snake, just an inch long."

- 16) "As a garter snake, I strictly stick to eating red berries in the wild."
- 17) "Unlike other snakes, we garter snakes lay thousands of eggs."
- **18**) "You cannot find a single garter snake like me in North America. We live only in the African jungles."
- **19**) "I am quite a giant among my kind, measuring up to six feet long!"
- 20) "I make my home around lakes and forests."
- 21) "We garter snakes often avoid water bodies and prefer arid desert areas."
- 22) "I eat all kinds of things, from slugs and worms to even small birds."

### Determine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.

- 23) Garter snakes usually give birth to live young instead of laying eggs.
- 24) It is fascinating how garter snakes give birth to live young instead of laying eggs.
- 25) Garter snakes can be found in different environments; from grasslands to water bodies.
- 26) Seeing a garter snake slither through the grass is a scary sight.
- 27) Garter snakes are named after the stripes that run lengthwise on their bodies.
- 28) Garter snakes are the best because they eat pests that harm our gardens and homes.
- **29**) When threatened, garter snakes release a smelly scent to deter predators.
- **30)** Garter snakes eat a variety of food including slugs, worms, frogs, and small birds.
- 31) Garter snakes are the most interesting snakes because of their multiple colors.
- 32) Garter snakes make the best pets, especially because they are not venomous.

### Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **33**) Garter snakes give birth in the summer.
- **34**) Garter snakes avoid water at all costs.
- **35**) Garter snakes can eat small birds.
- **36)** Garter snakes only eat small plants.
- **37)** Garter snakes usually live near water bodies.

		Garter Snake	Name:		
<u>38</u> )	Garter snakes are not found in North America.				
39)	Garter snakes lay eggs.				
40)	Garter snakes can only be found	in swampy areas			
41)	Garter snakes produce a foul-sm		ars		
42)	Garter snakes give birth to live y	0			
		C			
	ermine which choice is the expan				
43)	When <u>they're</u> scared, garter snake leave them alone.	es might give off a smelly mus	k that'll make predators		
	A. they were	B. they are			
	C. they be	D. they is			
44)		it's show to admins them from	a safa distance		
44)	Garter snakes <u>won't</u> harm you, so A. will not	B. cannot	a sare distance.		
	C. would not	D. should not			
45)	Garter snakes <u>don't</u> have venom, A. does not	so they're not dangerous to hui B. cannot	nans.		
	C. did not	D. do not			
	C. did not	D. do liot			
<b>46</b> )	<u></u>	•	ve various patterns.		
	A. can not	B. can			
	C. do not	D. will not			
47)	They're helpful for controlling pe	ests like insects and slugs.			
	A. They be	B. They is			
	C. They are	D. They were			
	ermine if the sentence is a declar erative(m).	rative(d), exclamatory(e), int	errogative(i) or		
<b>48</b> )	Garter snakes eat small animals	like insects and worms.			

- **49**) Are garter snakes venomous?
- **50**) Garter snakes are usually green or brown.
- **51**) Garter snakes are not poisonous.
- 52) Can garter snakes swim?
- **53)** Do garter snakes hibernate?

		Garter Snak	e	Name:	
1					
1.	26.				
2.	27.				
3.	28.				
4.	29.				
5.	30.				
6.	31.				
7.	32.				
8.	33.				
9.	34.				
10.	35.				
11.	36.				
12.	37.				
13.	38.				
14.	39.				
15.	40.				
16.	41.				
17.	42.				
18.	43.				
19.	44.				
20.	45.				
21.	46.				
22.	47.				
23.	48.				
24.	49.				
25.	50.				
	Reading www.Com	nonCoreSheets.com	Page 5 of 5		



Let's slither into the world of garter snakes, one of the most common snakes in North America! These cool critters are not very large, usually between two to three feet long, and they come in a variety of colors like red, green, blue, and yellow. They are easily recognizable by the long stripes that run lengthwise down their bodies, which is actually how they got their name (like the stripes on a garter belt). While they might look scary to some, they are actually quite harmless and interesting creatures.



Continuing from their interesting look, do you know that garter snakes have a surprisingly diverse diet? They're not picky eaters at all and are known to eat almost anything they can catch including slugs, worms, frogs, and even small birds. Some garter snakes have also been known to swim and catch small fish for their meals. This variety in their diet makes them very adaptable to different environments.

Speaking of different environments, garter snakes can be found living in a wide range of habitats. They prefer to live near water bodies, but you can also find them in forests, grasslands, and sometimes even in your backyard. During their life cycle, garter snakes hibernate in the winter, and mate and give birth to live young in the summer. Unlike most snakes, garter snakes give birth to live young instead of laying eggs!



Not just their unique life cycle, garter snakes have a special relationship with us humans and other animals too. While they may seem scary, they can actually be helpful by eating pests that can harm our gardens and homes. They have some natural predators like hawks, raccoons, and foxes, and when threatened, they produce a foul-smelling scent to ward off predators. Aren't garter snakes fascinating? Despite their small size, they play a big role in our ecosystem!

## Solve each problem.

## Use the article to answer the question.

Use	the article to answer the question.							
1)	How long are most garter snakes?							
	A. They are usually between two to three feet long.	B. They are usually less than one foot long.						
	C. They are usually more than six feet long.	D. They are usually four to five feet long.						
2)	What do garter snakes do when they are threatened?							
	A. They produce a foul-smelling scent to ward off predators	B. They rattle their tail to scare off predators						
	C. They make a loud screeching noise	D. They play dead						
3)	What is a unique trait of the garter snake's l	ife cvcle?						
,	A. Garter snakes give birth to live young instead of laying eggs.	B. Garter snakes only lay a single egg.						
	C. Garter snakes lay eggs in sand.	D. Garter snakes adopt other snakes' babies.						
4)	When do garter snakes hibernate?							
-)	A. In summer	B. They never hibernate						
	C. In spring	D. In winter						
5)	What interesting thing do some garter snake	es do for their meals?						
- /	A. Chase insects and birds in the air	B. Climb trees and eat bird eggs						
	C. Burrow in the ground and eat bugs	D. Swim and catch fish						
6)	What do garter snakes look like?							
- /	A. They are short and have no stripes.	B. They have spots all over their bodies.						
	C. They are long and have stripes running down their bodies.	D. They are long and have a solid color.						
7)	When do garter snakes usually give birth?							
,	A. In the summer	B. In the fall						
	C. In the winter	D. In the spring						
8)	Which animal is not a listed predator of gar	ter snakes?						
	A. Sheep	B. Raccoons						
	C. Foxes	D. Hawks						
9)	Where do garter snakes live mostly?							
,	A. On trees	B. Near water bodies						
	C. In caves	D. Under the ground						

	Garter Sr	nak	e Na	ime:	Answer Key
10)	Why are garter snakes called 'garter' snakes?				
	A. They wear garter belts	В.	They use garter belts to catch the	heir	
			prey		
	C. They live in garter belt factories	D.	Because of the long stripes that	t run	
			lengthwise on their bodies		

## Determine if the statements is something the animal would say (W) or it it is not something the animal would say (N).

- 11) "In the winter months, you can find us garter snakes sunbathing."
- 12) "Did you know that I give birth to live young instead of laying eggs like most snakes?"
- 13) "Even though I might scare you, I actually help by eating pests and other small creatures."
- 14) "When I am in danger, I release a yucky smell to protect myself from predators."
- 15) "I'm a tiny snake, just an inch long."
- 16) "As a garter snake, I strictly stick to eating red berries in the wild."
- 17) "Unlike other snakes, we garter snakes lay thousands of eggs."
- **18**) "You cannot find a single garter snake like me in North America. We live only in the African jungles."
- 19) "I am quite a giant among my kind, measuring up to six feet long!"
- **20)** "I make my home around lakes and forests."
- 21) "We garter snakes often avoid water bodies and prefer arid desert areas."
- 22) "I eat all kinds of things, from slugs and worms to even small birds."

#### Determine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.

- 23) Garter snakes usually give birth to live young instead of laying eggs.
- 24) It is fascinating how garter snakes give birth to live young instead of laying eggs.
- 25) Garter snakes can be found in different environments; from grasslands to water bodies.
- 26) Seeing a garter snake slither through the grass is a scary sight.
- 27) Garter snakes are named after the stripes that run lengthwise on their bodies.
- 28) Garter snakes are the best because they eat pests that harm our gardens and homes.
- **29**) When threatened, garter snakes release a smelly scent to deter predators.
- **30)** Garter snakes eat a variety of food including slugs, worms, frogs, and small birds.
- **31**) Garter snakes are the most interesting snakes because of their multiple colors.
- **32)** Garter snakes make the best pets, especially because they are not venomous.

### Determine if the statement is true or false.

- **33**) Garter snakes give birth in the summer.
- **34)** Garter snakes avoid water at all costs.
- **35**) Garter snakes can eat small birds.
- **36)** Garter snakes only eat small plants.
- **37**) Garter snakes usually live near water bodies.

	Garter S	nake	Name:	Answer Key		
38)	Garter snakes are not found in North America.					
<b>39</b> )	Garter snakes lay eggs.					
<b>40</b> )	Garter snakes can only be found in swampy	areas.				
41)	Garter snakes produce a foul-smelling scent to ward off predators.					
42)	Garter snakes give birth to live young.					
Det	Determine which choice is the expanded form of the underlined contraction.					
43)	When they're scared, garter snakes might give	ve off a smelly musk that'll make	e predators			
	leave them alone.					
	A. they were	B. they are				
	C. they be	D. they is				
<b>44</b> )	Garter snakes won't harm you, so it's okay to	admire them from a safe distan	ce.			
	A. will not	B. cannot				
	C. would not	D. should not				
45)	Garter snakes <u>don't</u> have venom, so they're n	ot dangerous to humans.				
	A. does not	B. cannot				
	C. did not	D. do not				
<b>46</b> )	Garter snakes can't change colors like a char	neleon, but they have various pa	tterns.			
	A. can not	B. can				
	C. do not	D. will not				
47)	They're helpful for controlling pests like inse	ects and slugs.				
	A. They be	B. They is				
	C. They are	D. They were				
Date	remine if the contenes is a declarative (d) a	valamatam(a) interregative(i)	or			
	ermine if the sentence is a declarative(d), e erative(m).	xciamatory(e), interrogative(I)	UI.			
	Carter analyse act amall arimals like incasts	1				

- **48)** Garter snakes eat small animals like insects and worms.
- **49**) Are garter snakes venomous?
- **50**) Garter snakes are usually green or brown.
- **51**) Garter snakes are not poisonous.
- **52**) Can garter snakes swim?
- **53**) Do garter snakes hibernate?

			Garter Snake			Name:	Answer Key	7
1.	Α	26.	opinion	51.	declarative			
2.	A	27.	fact	52.	interrogative			
3.	A	28.	opinion	53.	interrogative	_		
4.	D	29.	fact					
5.	<b>D</b>	30.	fact					
6.	<u> </u>	31.	opinion					
7.	A	32.	opinion					
8.	A	33.	true					
9.	B	34.	false					
10.	D	35.	true					
11.	false	36.	false					
12.	true	37.	true					
13.	true	38.	false					
14.	true	39.	false					
15.	false	40.	false					
16.	false	41.	true					
17.	false	42.	true					
18.	false	43.	В					
19.	false	44.	Α					
20.	true	45.	D					
21.	false	46.	Α					
22.	true	47.	С					
23.	fact	48.	declarative					
24.	opinion	49.	interrogative					
25.	fact	50.	declarative					
		ww.Commo	nCoreSheets.com	Page 4	l of 4			

	Garter S	Snak	e Name:
Solv	e each problem.		
Use	the article to answer the question.		
1)	<ul><li>How long are most garter snakes? (paragraph 1)</li><li>A. They are usually between two to three feet long.</li></ul>		They are usually less than one foot long.
	С.	D.	
2)	<ul><li>What do garter snakes do when they are thr</li><li>A. They produce a foul-smelling scent to ward off predators</li></ul>	eaten B.	ed? (paragraph 4)
	С.	D.	
3)	What is a unique trait of the garter snake's l	ife cy	cle? (paragraph 3)
	A. Garter snakes give birth to live young instead of laying eggs.	B.	Garter snakes only lay a single egg.
	С.	D.	
4)	When do garter snakes hibernate? (paragraph 3) A.		They never hibernate
	А. С.		In winter
5)			
5)	What interesting thing do some garter snake A. Chase insects and birds in the air		Climb trees and eat bird eggs
	C.		Swim and catch fish
6)	What do garter snakes look like? (paragraph 1)		
,	A. They are short and have no stripes.	B.	
	C. They are long and have stripes running down their bodies.	D.	
7)	When do garter snakes usually give birth?	paragrap	h 3)
	A. In the summer	B.	In the fall
	С.	D.	
8)	Which animal is not a listed predator of gar	ter sn	akes? (paragraph 4)
	A. Sheep	В.	
	C.	D.	
9)	Where do garter snakes live mostly? (paragrap		
	A.		Near water bodies
	C.	D.	
10)	Why are garter snakes called 'garter' snakes		graph 1)
	<ul><li>A. They wear garter belts</li><li>C.</li></ul>	B. D	Because of the long stripes that run
	С.	D.	lengthwise on their bodies



# Determine if the statements is something the animal would say (W) or it it is not something the animal would say (N).

- 11) "In the winter months, you can find us garter snakes sunbathing." (paragraph 3)
- 12) "Did you know that I give birth to live young instead of laying eggs like most snakes?" (paragraph 3)