

A close-up photograph of a striped skink lizard climbing a mossy rock. The lizard is positioned vertically on the left side of the frame, facing upwards. Its body is dark with prominent light-colored stripes running down its back and sides. The rock it is climbing is covered in green moss and lichen, with a rough, textured surface. The lighting is bright, highlighting the scales of the lizard and the details of the rock.

Skinks

Picture It!

Check out these pictures of skins and their habitat!



Images by Sarah Rayner

Skinks

What's the gist?

- So, what is a skink? For starters, skinks are lizards.
- They are classified as reptiles along with snakes, alligators, crocodiles, and turtles.
- There are well over a thousand species of skinks. Skinks have smooth shiny scales and water-tight protective skin.
- Skinks and other reptiles, even sea snakes and sea turtles, breathe using lungs throughout their life.
- They also will lay their eggs outside of the water.
- Reptiles produce amniotic eggs that permit embryonic development on land with a protective outer layer such as a brittle or leathery shell.

Learning Links

Take a look at these materials to further your experience!

Read a story, Listen to a story, Take a tour here: <https://bit.ly/30v3yAQ>

Follow this link to an educational video about skinks: Skink Paradise, the premiere, episode 1:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qmmx0T60cBA>

This website describes one of the common skinks found in Louisiana: Amphibian and Reptiles of Louisiana:

<http://www.louisianaherps.com/common-five-lined-skink-ple.html>

For Fun facts about skinks click this link: SoftSchools.com: Fun facts About Skinks
: http://www.softschools.com/facts/animals/skink_facts/280/

Activity Corner

Check out these awesome activities for an enriching learning experience!

Coloring Sheets:

<https://www.education.com/worksheet/article/color-skink/>