

## You are a poet!

Finish these poems about reptiles by filling in the blanks.

Don't forget, with reptile friends, it's all about the scales,  
Not if they have legs or not, not the length of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Reptiles all have scales outside of skin that's thick or thin,  
Protecting them from scrapes or cuts, and keeping warmth \_\_\_\_\_.  
(They seek that warmth while basking in some cozy, sunny place.  
They can't produce \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves, so seek a warmer base.)  
Outside, where rocks are numerous, where ground can scrape or scuff,  
They are protected as they move by scales both strong and \_\_\_\_\_.

### *Rattlesnakes*

They're not well liked. They're met with fear.  
Some people want them out of \_\_\_\_\_.  
But they eat pests, do other good,  
Right here in nature's neighborhood.  
If they're around, folks yell and flee,  
But snakes want none of you or \_\_\_\_\_.  
Those \_\_\_\_\_ with venom flowing through,  
Are meant for dinner, not for you.  
Though some dislike them quite a lot,  
All they want's a quiet spot...  
    So don't reach under log or boulder—  
    Snake and you will both get \_\_\_\_\_.

Water, water everywhere is what pond turtle wants,  
Except when he is basking on a warm and sunny rock.  
Tortoise doesn't like the wet; he stays upon the land,  
Eating plants and flowers near his burrow in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Turtle eats the little creatures swimming in his pool.  
Tortoise likes the cactus blooms he finds when morning's \_\_\_\_\_.  
Turtle has a streamlined shape to give his swimming grace.  
Tortoise has more sturdy legs that take him place to \_\_\_\_\_.

*tails/within/heat/tough/here/me/fangs/older/sand/cool/place*