



## Reptiles: Riddles in Rhyme

What are these riddles referring to?

Cover for  
A reptile long,  
Now cast off,  
Is thin, but strong.

Ribs a'plenty',  
Eyelids: none,  
Basking daily  
In the sun.

They overlap neatly  
From tail to the head,  
Sometimes a'peeling  
When top layer sheds.

Like his cousin,  
Has a shell.  
Splashy home  
Is where he'll dwell.

Dig, dig, dig  
With sturdy feet  
To escape  
The desert heat.

Running fast  
Up rock or wall,  
In pursuit  
Of insects small.

Desert sand  
Is his abode,  
Though sometimes called,  
He's not a toad.

Strong tail swishing,  
Jaws of power,  
Under water  
By the hour.

*Snake shed/ scales / desert tortoise / horned lizard/ snake/ pond turtle/ lizard/ alligator or crocodile*