



UNTAMED Watch-along Worksheet

Episode Six: Snakes

While you watch, listen carefully and use what you learn to fill in the blanks. Answers appear during the video in the same order as these questions, so be sure to read ahead!

1. Most of the phone calls about snakes the Wildlife Center receives aren't about an injury, but are instead about _____.
2. There are over 30 species of snakes in Virginia, but only _____, of those are venomous.
3. One of the most likely reasons so many snakes live in the southern Appalachians is because _____.
 - A) Not many humans live there
 - B) They have very few predators in the area
 - C) There is a large diversity of habitats
 - D) Both A and B
4. Every year in the United States between 7,000-8,000 people are bitten by venomous snakes, but the number of fatalities are only about half of that number.

True -or- False
5. Eastern Ratsnakes are known as *semi-arboreal*, which means they spend part of their time in _____.
6. Frequently used to trap nuisance animals, snakes are often found stuck to _____ -- a pest-control method that does not discriminate between species.
7. As cold-blooded animals, snakes cannot be released into the wild during the _____.
8. Amazingly, the Wildlife Center once admitted a two-headed _____.
9. While many people fear them, in reality snakes are not very dangerous to humans.

True -or- False
10. Write one thing you can do to help snakes in the wild:

Answer Key

1. Most of the phone calls about snakes the Wildlife Center receives aren't about an injury, but are instead about **identification**.
2. There are over 30 species of snakes in Virginia, but only **three**, of those are venomous.
3. One of the most likely reasons so many snakes live in the southern Appalachians is because _____.
 - A) Not many humans live there
 - B) They have very few predators in the area
 - C) There is a large diversity of habitats**
 - D) Both A and B
4. Every year in the United States between 7,000-8,000 people are bitten by venomous snakes, but the number of fatalities are only about half of that number.

True -or- **False**

5. Eastern Ratsnakes are known as *semi-arboreal*, which means they spend part of their time in **trees**.
6. Frequently used to trap nuisance animals, snakes are often found stuck to **glue traps (or glue boards)** -- a pest-control method that does not discriminate between species.
7. As cold-blooded animals, snakes cannot be released into the wild during the **winter**.
8. Amazingly, the Wildlife Center once admitted a two-headed **Copperhead**.
9. While many people fear them, in reality snakes are not very dangerous to humans.

True -or- False

10. Write one thing you can do to help snakes in the wild: **Any variation of learning about snakes, not killing snakes, not releasing exotic species, or eliminating snake habitats near the home.**