

## Slithering Secrets

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	I have beautiful hood markings and I am famous in snake charmer performances, but I don't actually hear their music!
	My bite is highly venomous, but I am so good at hiding, you might not even see me! I am often mistaken for a harmless snake
	I have vertical cat-like eyes, and I love climbing trees
	at night to hunt for small animals.
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	I am one of the longest snakes in India but I am not venomous!
	l squeeze my prey instead.
	<b>→</b>
	I am a venomous tree snake that hides in bamboo forests and
	ambushes my prey.
	<b>→</b>
	I am one of India's most dangerous snakes, with a loud hissing
	sound and a lightning-fast strike!
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	I live in the Western Ghats, and my beautiful scales come in different colors like green, yellow, and brown!
	I am bright green, super thin, and move through trees like a vine!  I hunt using my super sharp vision.
	I am a fast-moving, non-venomous snake, and people often mistake me for a cobra because I can raise my head.
	I am a semi-aquatic snake, often found near ponds and rice fields, and I love hunting for frogs!
	I am a short but highly venomous snake, found in the Western Ghats. My bite can be dangerous if not treated!
	I am small but deadly, and I rub my scales together to make a loud "sizzling" sound before I strike!





## **Answer Key**



I have beautiful hood markings and I am famous in snake charmers' performances, but I don't actually hear their music!



**Indian Spectacled Cobra** 



My bite is highly venomous, but I am so good at hiding, you might not even see me! I am often mistaken for a harmless snake.



Common Krait



I have vertical cat-like eyes, and I love climbing trees at night to hunt for small animals.



Cat Snake



I am one of the longest snakes in India but I am not venomous! I squeeze my prey instead.



Indian Rock Python



I am a venomous tree snake that hides in bamboo forests and ambushes my prey.



**Bamboo Pit Viper** 



I am one of India's most dangerous snakes, with a loud hissing sound and a lightning-fast strike!



Russell's Viper





## **Answer Key**



I live in the Western Ghats, and my beautiful scales come in different colors like green, yellow, and brown!

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Malabar Pit Viper



I am bright green, super thin, and move through trees like a vine!

I hunt using my super sharp vision.

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Green Vine Snake



I am a fast-moving, non-venomous snake, and people often mistake me for a cobra because I can raise my head.

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**Rat Snake** 



I am a semi-aquatic snake, often found near ponds and rice fields, and I love hunting for frogs!



**Buff Striped Keelback** 



I am a short but highly venomous snake, found in the Western Ghats. My bite can be dangerous if not treated!



**Hump Nosed Pit Viper** 



I am small but deadly, and I rub my scales together to make a loud "sizzling" sound before I strike!

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Saw Scaled Viper

