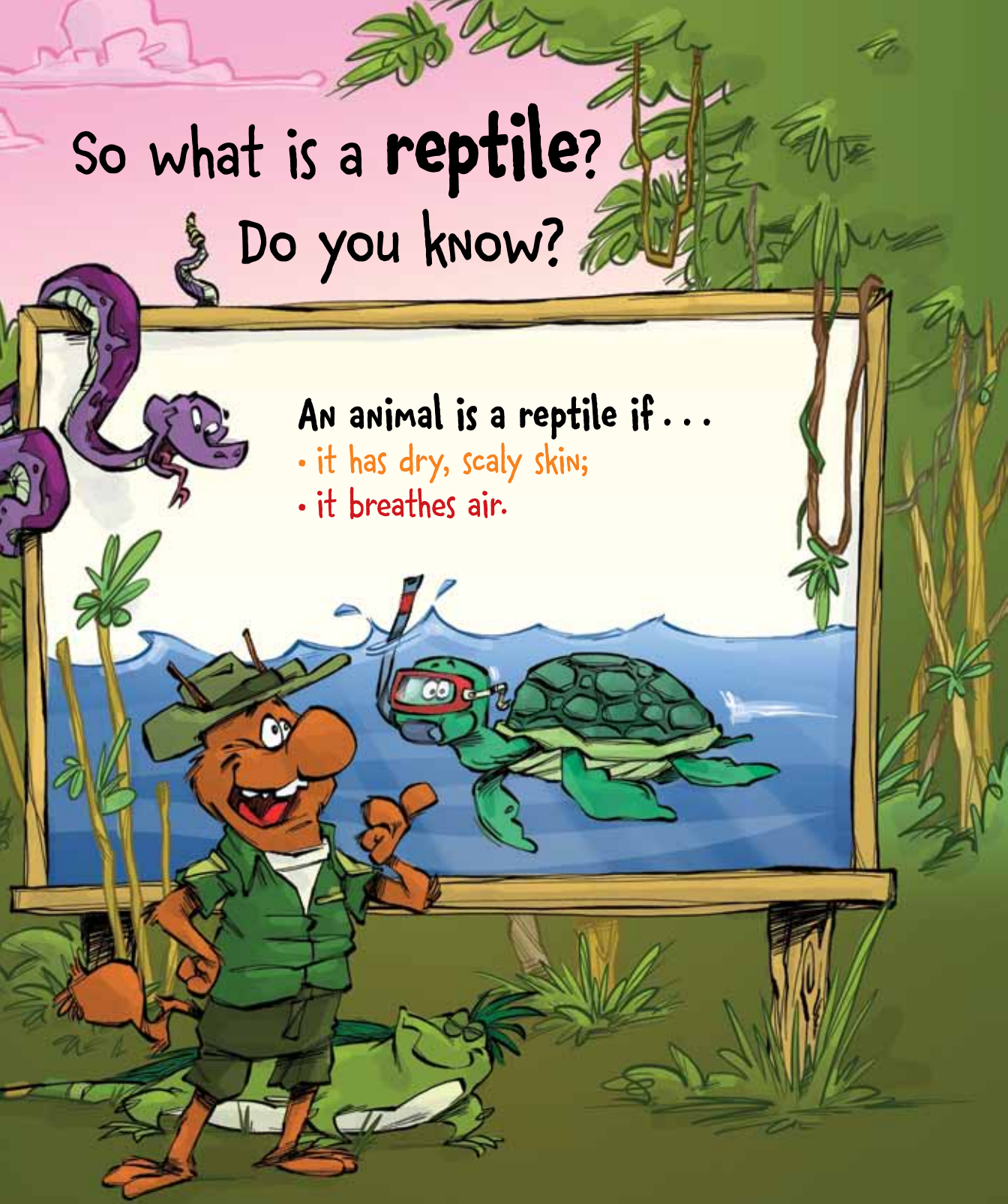


So what is a reptile?

Do you know?

An animal is a reptile if . . .

- it has dry, scaly skin;
- it breathes air.



In addition, all reptiles . . .

- have a backbone (they're vertebrates);
- are born with lungs, unlike most baby amphibians;
- are cold-blooded animals. This means they cannot make their own body heat. Their bodies are the same temperature as their surroundings.



And most reptiles . . .

- lay hard-shelled eggs on land;
- live in warm places;
- have short legs or no legs and long tails;
- eat insects or other animals. (They're carnivores.) Some eat plants. (They're herbivores.) And some eat both plants and other animals. (They're omnivores.)

