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Introduction

Chameleons are amazing animals.
They are a kind of lizard.
Most lizards lay eggs.
Lizards have scaly skin,
instead of fur or feathers.
Animals like these are called reptiles.



A chameleon is a kind of reptile.

What Are Chameleons Like?

In some ways, chameleons are not like other lizards. They are special.

Chameleons have special growths on their heads called **casques**. Casques can be big or small.

Some chameleons have horns. Male chameleons use them for fighting.



A chameleon with a small casque

Chameleons have special feet. They have two toes that face one way and three toes that face the other way. These are called **zygodactyl feet**. They help chameleons grip branches and climb trees.

Chameleons have special tongues. Some have tongues that are longer than their bodies. The tongue has a big, sticky piece of flesh at the end. The tongue shoots out very fast. It catches food and brings it back.



A chameleon grips branches with both sides of its feet.