GILA MONSTER
Coloring and Activity Book

This book belongs to:

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Gila Monster

Gila monsters are the only venomous lizard native to the United States. They are black with orange or pink patterns. Gila monsters move slowly and do not have good eyesight. To find prey, they flick their tongues out and pick up scent particles in the air.

Gila monsters don’t need to eat often because they store fat in their tails. Help this Gila monster find its next meal!

Gila Monsters: What did you learn?

Fill in the boxes with the missing words. What’s the mystery word?

1. Gila monsters have ......... or pink patterns.
2. Gila monsters use their tongues to find .......... .
3. They pick up scent .......... in the air.
4. The Gila monster is .......... to the United States.
5. Gila monsters have poor .......... .
6. The Gila monster is a venomous .......... .
7. They .......... fat in their tails.

The mystery word is ..................................!

Did you know?

- Gila monsters are the largest lizards native to the United States.
- They spend most of their lives in underground burrows.
- A group of Gila monsters is called a lounge.
- A Gila monster’s bright colors help to deter predators.

What are two desert adaptations of Gila monsters?