



# SUPER LONG SNAKES

Snakes are incredible hunters, amazing eaters, and great at disguising themselves! They are cold-blooded, scaly creatures found in most parts of the world. Snakes can unhinge their jaws, which allows them to swallow animals bigger than themselves whole!

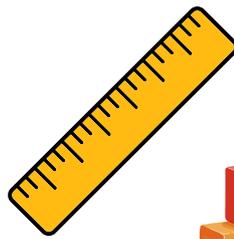
The longest snake in the world is the reticulated python, which can exceed 6.25 metres! Reticulated pythons are found in Southeast Asia. They are non-venomous and can climb trees! In contrast, the smallest snake in the world is the Barbados threadsnake, which is a tiny 10cm long!

## How long is a reticulated python?

This activity uses household objects ( and hands and feet ) to demonstrate the length of a reticulated python. It can also be adjusted for other snakes.

### You'll need

- 30 cm ruler
- Small object - building block
- Chalk
- Large area



### Instructions

Measure the length of your building block or other small object in cm or inches if you prefer. Divide the length of a python, 625cm, by the length of the building block to work out how many blocks are the same size as a python.

Measure 6.25 m on the ground and mark with chalk. Walk from the start to the end point and count how many of your feet long a reticulated python is.

Measure your height in cm and work out how many of you are the same length as a python.

**My small object is ..... long.**

**..... of my small object are as long as a 6.25m reticulated python.**

**I am ..... cm tall.**

**..... of me are as long as a 6.25m reticulated python!**

