



## Ophiology (Snakes) Vocabulary

<b>Adaptation:</b>	special characteristics of an animal that help it to survive
<b>Ectothermic:</b>	an organism whose body temperature is determined by the surrounding environment (cold-blooded)
<b>Endothermic:</b>	an animal that regulates its own body temperature internally (warm-blooded)
<b>Herpetology:</b>	the study of reptiles and amphibians
<b>Jacobson's Scent Organ:</b>	small opening in the upper mouth in some reptiles allowing the molecules picked up by the tongue to be interpreted
<b>Venomous:</b>	a toxic substance that causes harm by injection