

The Anaconda

1. Anacondas live in South America.
2. Anacondas have a very long thick body.
3. Adult anacondas can grow as long as a bus – 9 metres.
4. Anacondas may not be the longest snakes, but they are the heaviest.
5. Anacondas eat fish, birds, reptiles and mammals.
6. The anaconda grabs its prey in its jaws.
7. It coils or wraps its body around the prey and squeezes it to death.
8. It swallows its prey whole, head first.
9. The jaws are joined by stretchy bands so they can open very wide.
10. It takes a long time to take in food.
11. After a big meal it may not need to eat again for weeks or even months.
12. Female anacondas do not lay eggs.
13. They give birth to about 30 live young.
14. The young are 60 cm long.