Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

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**Examples:** The salamander **climbed** up the slippery rock. Climbed is an intransitive verb.

The salamander **shed** its tail to escape attack. Shed is a transitive verb.

Directions: Write either **T** for transitive or **I** for intransitive in the blank to identify each underlined verb. If it’s a transitive verb, circle the direct object.

1. _____ All salamanders, except the fire salamander, **lay** eggs.

2. _____ Some newts **protect** their eggs with leaves.

6. _____ Japanese giant salamanders **live** near cold mountain streams.

7. _____ Their dark skin **blends** with the mud and stones.

8. _____ Eastern newts **secrete** a toxin to ward off predators.

9. _____ Salamanders and newts **eat** other small animals.

10. _____ We **studied** amphibians in science class.
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