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Cobras do have predators. People are one. Another is a weasel-like carnivore called the mongoose. Birds of prey such as hawks and secretary birds are also predators.

King cobras are the only snakes that make an actual nest of leaves and twigs. Mothers lay 20 to 40 eggs once a year. The mother stays with the eggs until they hatch. The hatchlings are ready to be on their own from the beginning. They can even strike with their fangs on the day they hatch.



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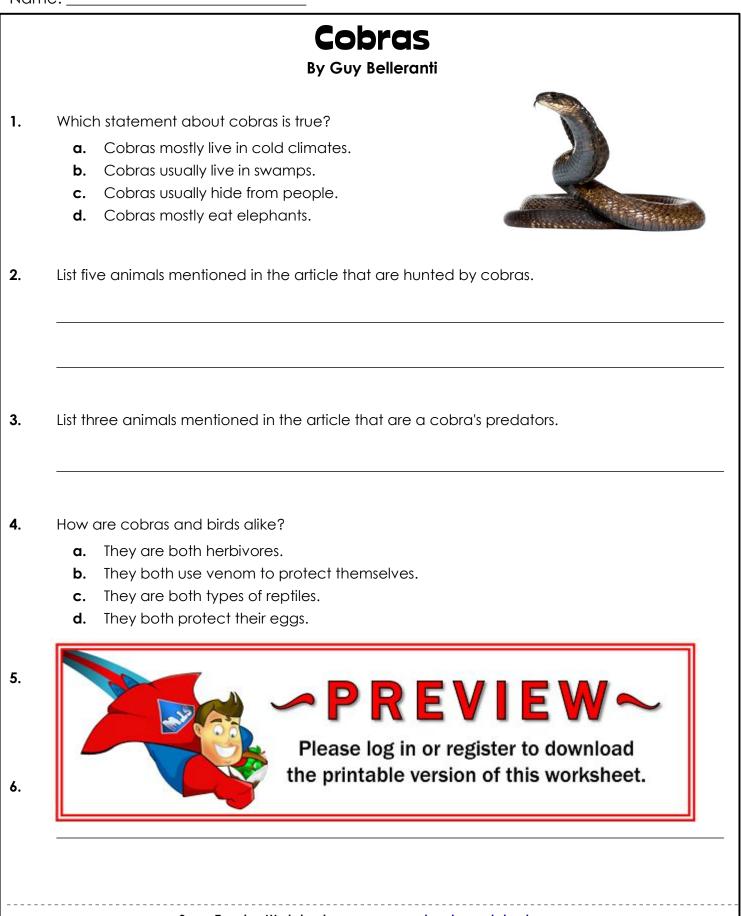




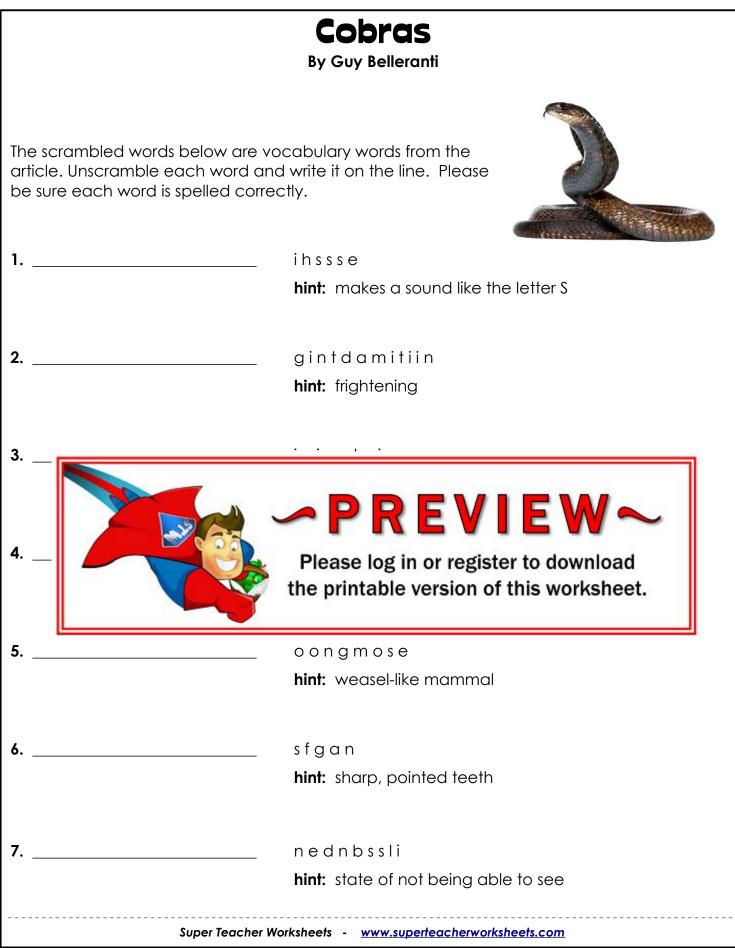
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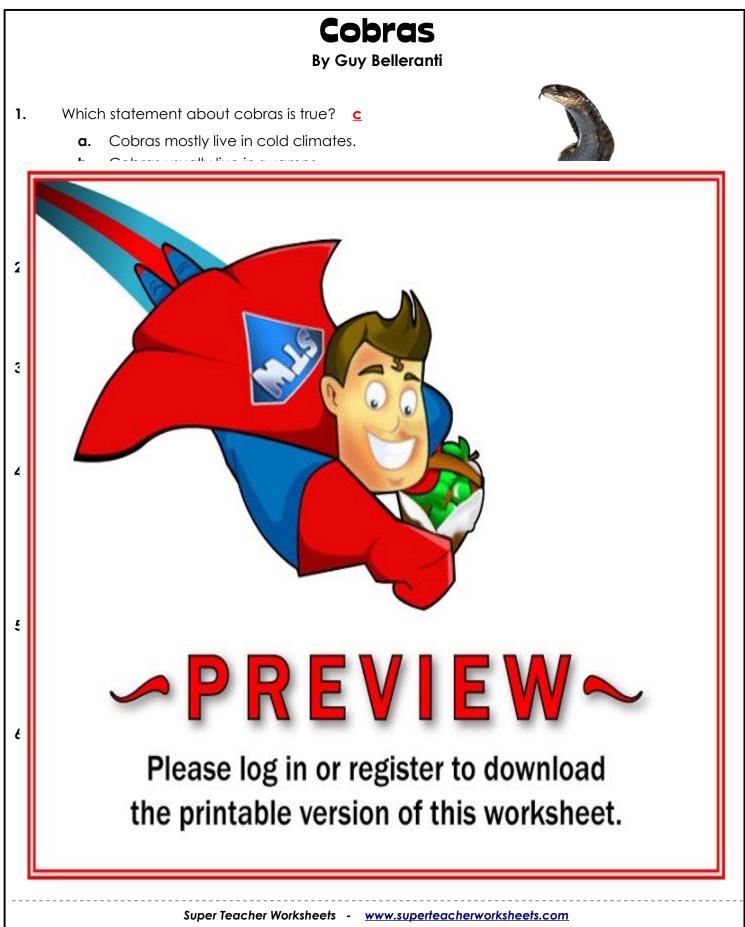
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