

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST **REPTILES**



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CHAPTER 1

WHAT ARE REPTILES?

A sea turtle swims in the **ocean**.

A **lizard** warms its **body** in the sun.

What do these animals have in common?





They are both **reptiles**.
Reptiles have dry, scaly skin.
They are **cold-blooded**.

Their body temperature
changes with their surroundings.

CHAPTER 2

GIANT SNAKES

Green anacondas are the world's biggest snakes.

Snakes are a type of reptile.





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Green anacondas wrap their bodies around their **prey**.

They squeeze until the animal cannot breathe.

These huge snakes eat birds, turtles, and pigs. They feast on deer and **jaguars**, too.

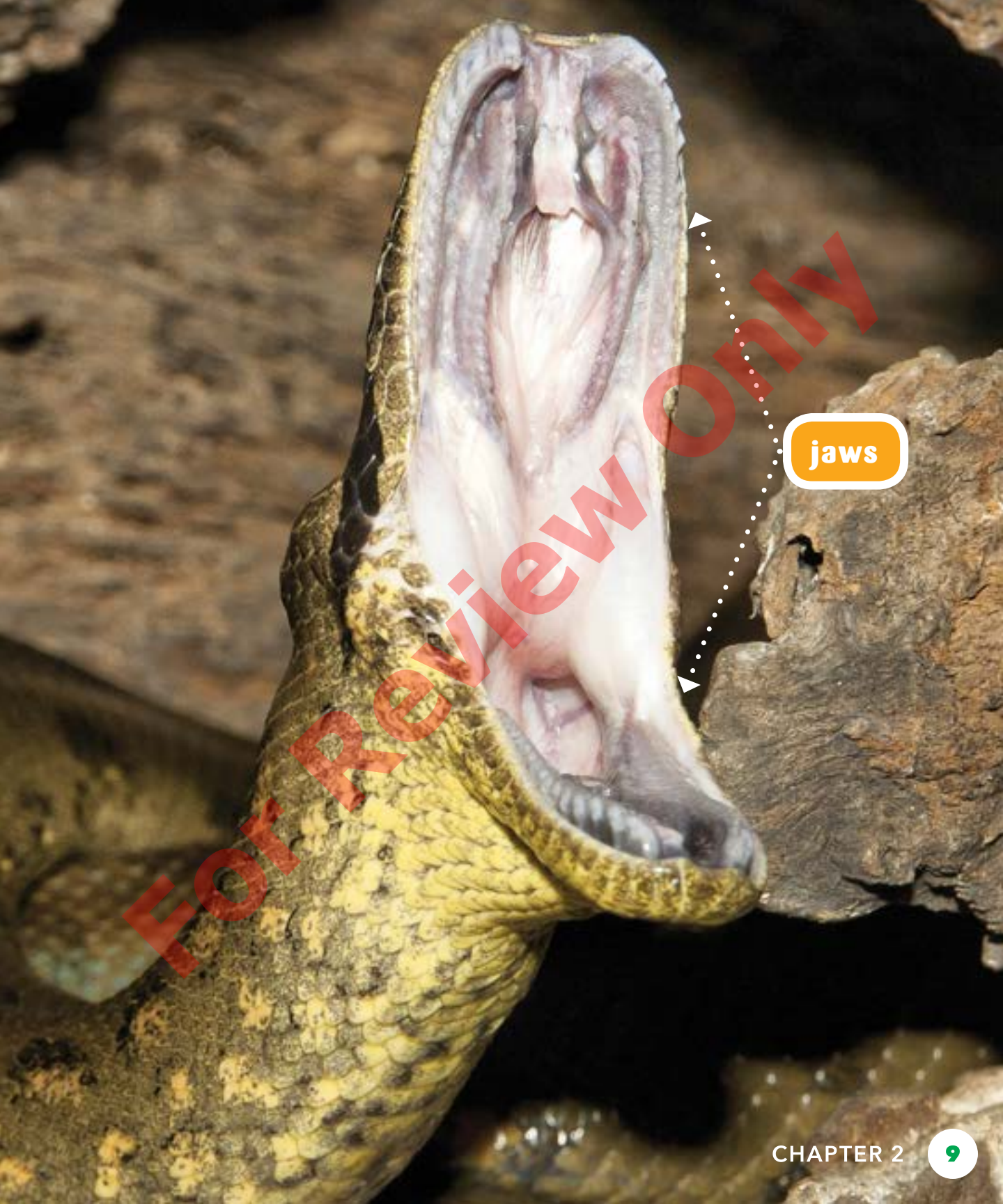
Green anacondas have special jaws that open wide. They swallow their prey whole!

DID YOU KNOW?

Green anacondas can weigh more than 400 pounds (181 kilograms).

That is bigger than a small piano!





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