

"Lizards" – Reading

Lizards extend or flick their tongues to help them "sense" their environment. The information gathered tells them the whereabouts of food and mates, and warns them of the presence of enemies. But their tongues have other uses, too.

A tree-dwelling chameleon is the "marksman" of the reptile world. Its tongue, kept rolled up in its mouth, is as long as or longer than its body. When the chameleon spots an insect, it shoots its sticky tongue out, and zap!—instant lunch.

The Australian blue-tongued skink sticks out and waves its fat blue tongue to frighten away its enemies.

Geckos use their long tongues to clean their faces—including their eyes.

