

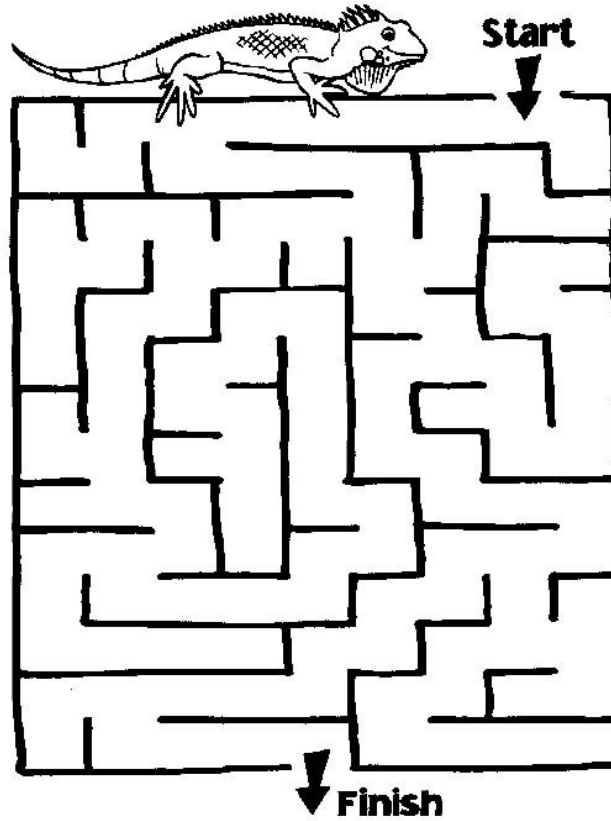
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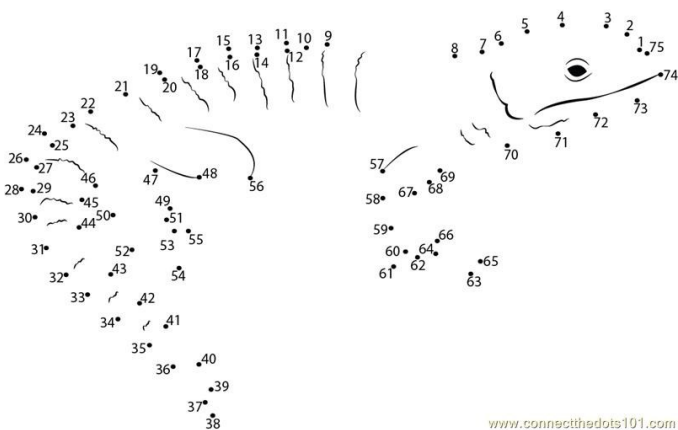
Help Lizzy through the maze!



Ventnor Botanic Garden Lizard Safari



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Go past the Tropical House and up towards the Arid Garden to find the stone wall where all the lizards hide!

Lizard Safari (*Podarcis muralis*)

* In 2002 we installed a dry stone wall for the lizards near our Tropical House. It is thought that within the 20 or so known Wall Lizard colonies in the UK we have the largest!

* Wall lizards can reach lengths of about 8 inches (20cm). The tail makes up two thirds of their length – and the males are bigger than the females.

* It is thought that our lizards were introduced by man rather than being native to the island. The most interesting story as to how they came to live here is that a foreign ship, possibly Italian, crashed on to the coast at Ventnor. The stowaway lizards escaped to the shore and have remained here ever since.

* Lizards are very agile and quick; they can run vertically up the side of buildings - so keep your eyes peeled on the walls as well as the paths!

* Lizards love the sun! On sunny days (hopefully like today) you can see them sunning themselves on the rocks around the gardens, particularly in the Arid and Mediterranean garden.

* Lizard's favourite foods include: Grasshoppers, Spiders, Woodlice, Crickets and Caterpillars. Our Lizards have also been known to eat fruit, berries and even strawberry jam

* Lizards have a very loose concept of hibernation. Between November and February they will sleep, but will emerge if the weather is particularly sunny.

* Babies are born between late June and early October – so keep an eye out for very small ones. The babies will be relatively easy to tell apart from the adults as they have larger heads in comparison.

