

Some Fun Facts about Arizona's Gila Monster

Directions: Read the text below. Write the correct **a**, **an**, or **the** article in the blank. Then, look at the L2 **vocabulary word**. Discuss its meaning and label its part of speech.

Name:



Today, there are only ^{1.)} _____ few poisonous lizards in the world, and there are only two in North and South America: Mexican bearded lizards and gila monsters (pronounced “heela”). ^{2.)} _____ gila monster is ^{3.)} _____ heavy, slow-moving lizard. Its body is about 60cm long with black with pink, orange, or yellow markings. Usually, gilas weigh two or three kilograms. ^{4.)} _____ adult gila monster can live around twenty or thirty years in the wild. They are ^{5.)} _____ largest **native** lizards in ^{6.)} _____ United States. **Recently**, scientists **developed** ^{7.)} _____ interest in gila monsters because the protein in their saliva can help cure diabetes.



Originally, gilas were found near ^{8.)} _____ Gila River in Arizona. Today, most Gila Monsters live in ^{9.)} _____

Mojave Desert in North America. They are not ^{10.)} _____ very **social** species and spend more than 95% of their time underground. Gila monsters are not yet considered to be ^{11.)} _____ endangered species. However, because of human **expansion**, they are seriously at **risk**.

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Questions.

Use the text to answer the following questions.

1. A gila monster is a . (Choose a/b/c/d)
 a. snake b. lizard c. frog d. bird

2. What is the length of an adult gila monster? Answer: cm

3. The gila monster is native to .
 a. Mexico b. The USA c. The UAE d. South America

4. Why did scientists become interested in gila monsters?
 Answer: To develop a cure for .

5. Where were gila monsters originally found?
 Answer: The River.

6. Why are gila monsters at risk? Because
 of human .



Vocabulary – Parts of Speech

Complete the table with the correct part of speech

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
			recently
	develop	developed &	
			originally
		social	
expansion		& expanding	