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Timber Rattlesnakes

It's a fall day in a forest.

A timber rattlesnake is
coiled on top of some
leaves.

It waits to catch
a meal.

Timber rattlers
can be yellow,
gray, or other colors.
They all have dark
bands.





A tiny mouse runs by.

The snake strikes.

Venom from its bite
kills the mouse.

The snake swallows
it whole.

Rattlers
use sharp teeth
called **fangs** to bite
animals. Deadly
venom shoots out
of the fangs.



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It's a cool fall day. A timber rattlesnake slithers into a small hole in the ground. Hundreds of other snakes are there too. They all lie on top of each other in the underground den. The snakes will spend the winter in this den until warm weather arrives in spring.

Look inside to discover more about timber rattlesnakes and what they do during the cold winter. You'll also learn all about the amazing ways they survive, including not eating for several months!

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