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In a warm forest on a **tropical** island, there lives a baby animal.

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The little animal spends all her time in the leafy branches of the trees. The baby has **scaly** skin.

She is bright green—just like the leaves on the trees.



Scaly skin



The little animal is the baby of a green iguana.

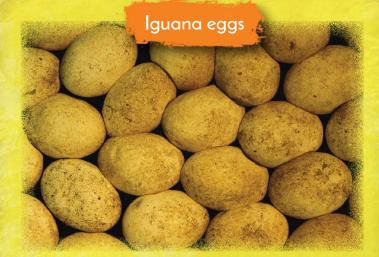
The mother iguana dug a nest beneath some rocks on a sandy beach.

Then she laid 30 eggs in the nest.

Spines

Mother green iguana

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The eggs have soft, leathery shells.

Nest



cold-blooded (kohld-BLUHD-id) Having a body temperature that rises or drops with the temperature of its surroundings.

hatches (HACH-iz) Breaks out from inside an egg.

**mate** (MATE) To get together to have babies. predator (PRED-uh-tur) An animal that hunts and eats other animals.

scaly (SCAY-lee) Covered with scales. Scales are small sections of overlapping skin.

tropical (TROP-i-kuhl) An area that is hot all year round.



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In the leafy trees of a tropical forest, there lives a tiny baby animal. She scampers along branches and is hard to spot among the bright green leaves. Who does this little baby belong to?

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