

Lizard or Salamander?

Can You Tell the Difference?

Lizards and salamanders look a lot alike. But they are really quite different. Lizards prefer hot, dry places. They enjoy sitting in the sun. You can find them on a rock or in a tree or on a fence. Unlike lizards, salamanders don't enjoy the sun. They prefer cool, wet places. You can find them in the water or in a cave or under a rock.

Lizards have scales that feel rough and dry. Salamanders do not have scales. They feel moist and smooth. Both lizards and salamanders will sometimes lose their tails. Like most lizards, most salamanders can grow new tails. Lizards make good pets. Salamanders make good pets, too.



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