

Guided Practice

Read this article that describes different types of snakes. Then answer the questions that follow.

Snakes

Many people are afraid of snakes, but there is usually no need to be alarmed if you see one. Most snakes you will stumble upon are common snakes. These snakes are usually medium-sized or smaller. Garter snakes and water snakes fall under this group. If you do not bother them, they will not trouble you.


Most snakes are safe to be around, but some can be very

dangerous. You should stay away from rattlesnakes. These vipers use sharp fangs to deliver poison, called venom, to their victims. Cobras and mambas are other unsafe snakes.


You may have seen small snakes in your yard, but there are also large snakes, such as boas and pythons. The boa constrictor can grow to more than 10 feet long.

Mark your answer choices for multiple-choice questions 1 and 2 in the spaces provided.

1. In this article the prefix *un-* was added to the base word *safe* to change its meaning. Unsafe means
- (A) not safe.
 - (B) more safe.
 - (C) safe again.
 - (D) somewhat safe.

 Think about what kind of snakes are described as *unsafe* in the article.

2. What is a synonym for the word alarmed?
- (A) calmed
 - (B) frightened
 - (C) bothered
 - (D) dangerous

 Substitute each of the choices for the word in the sentence. Which choice makes the most sense?