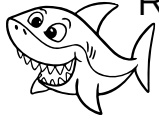


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Things You Don't Need to Know



Read this poem and draw a line between each animal on the left and the matching action on the right.



Don't test a rattlesnake's rattle.
Don't count the teeth of a shark.
Don't stick your head in the mouth of a bulldog
to find out what's making him bark.

Don't count the stripes on a tiger.
Don't squeeze an elephant's trunk.
Don't pet the scales of a boa constrictor
and don't lift the tail of a skunk.

Don't study spots on a leopard.
Don't check the charge of an eel.
Don't pull the claws on a grizzly bear's paws
regardless of how brave you feel.

Don't pull a porcupine's whiskers.
Don't touch a crocodile's toe.
Learn all you like, but try not to forget:
there are some things you don't need to know.

— Kenn Nesbitt

Dangerous Animal	Action to Avoid
1. Rattlesnake	A. Study its spots
2. Shark	B. Pull its whiskers
3. Bulldog	C. Touch its toe
4. Tiger	D. Count its stripes
5. Boa constrictor	E. Test its rattle
6. Leopard	F. Pet its scales
7. Grizzly bear	G. Stick your head in its mouth
8. Porcupine	H. Pull its claws
9. Crocodile	I. Count its teeth