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## Amniotic egg

A shelled, water-retaining egg that allows reptile, bird, and certain mammal embryos to develop on land

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## Neurotoxin

A poison that attacks the nervous system, causing blindness, paralysis, or suffocation

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## Hemotoxin

A poison that attacks the red blood cells and blood vessels, destroying circulation

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## Endotherm

An organism that is internally warmed by a heat-generating metabolic process

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## Down feathers

Feathers with smooth barbules but no hooked barbules

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# Contour feathers

Feathers with hooked and smooth barbules, allowing the barbules to interlock

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# Placenta

A structure that allows an embryo to be nourished with the mother's blood supply

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# Gestation

The period of time during which an embryo develops before being born

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# Mammary glands

Specialized organs in mammals that produce milk to nourish the young

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