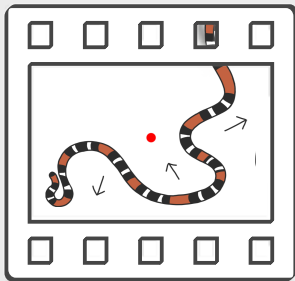


Coral snakes warn predators with **color** and a **special dance**

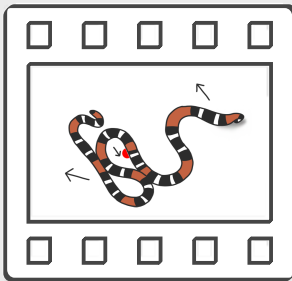
Highly venomous!



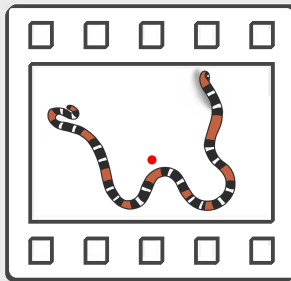
"Twitch and freeze" dance!



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Real coral snake!

Micrurus diastema, UMMZ-91036



Safe to touch!



But, *harmless* snakes can **look** and **dance** like coral snakes

Real "mimic" snake!

Pliocercus elapoides, UMMZ-91054

So, how do predators tell them apart?

Can you spot three differences between these two snakes?



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