

Primary Worksheets: Tarantula



Tarantula is the common name for a group of hairy and often large spiders. There are around 900 species of tarantulas that have been found.

Tarantulas are arachnids and unlike insects, only have two body parts and eight legs. They are cold blooded animals that are unable to control their body temperature. They rely on their environment to help them regulate their heat.

Tarantulas can be kept as pets but should not be handled as they can bite and have irritating hairs.



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Tarantulas are some of the largest spiders in the world that are covered with hairs. They can use their hairs to help them navigate their environment.

The largest tarantula is called the Goliath Birdeater, which can eat birds! Tarantulas can vary in size, with a leg span of 3 to 10 inches long.

Tarantulas are carnivores, with a diet consisting of insects, mice, birds, frogs, and lizards depending on their size. They are ambush predators, meaning that they will wait or sneak up on their prey to bite and poison them before eating.



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Tarantulas are nocturnal. They are only active during the night, and sleep during the daytime hours. Tarantulas are venomous but are dangerous to humans.

They like to live in many different climates as long as it is warm. They can be found in deserts, forests, and jungles in many different countries.

Tarantulas can live in the trees or in the ground. If they live in the ground, they usually live in a burrow made from their webbings. They can live for a long time, up to over 30 years old!



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Answer the questions.

What is a tarantula?

Where can we find them?

What do they eat?



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Answer the questions.

Can we keep them as pets? Why?

What environment do they like?

