

WHO
WOULD WIN?

TARANTULA



vs.



SCORPION

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What would happen if a tarantula met a scorpion?
What if they were both in a bad mood and had a fight?
Who do you think would win?



SCIENTIFIC NAME OF TARANTULA: "Theraphosa blondi"

Meet the tarantula. There are almost 900 species of tarantulas. In this book, we will feature the largest, the goliath birdeater tarantula.

FACT

Most tarantulas are the size of your hand.

DEFINITION

An arachnid is a class of arthropods that live on land. Spiders, mites, and ticks are arachnids.



Wow

A fully grown goliath birdeater tarantula is 12 inches across.

Tarantulas are hairy spiders. Spiders have four pairs of legs. Spiders are in a group of invertebrates called arachnids.

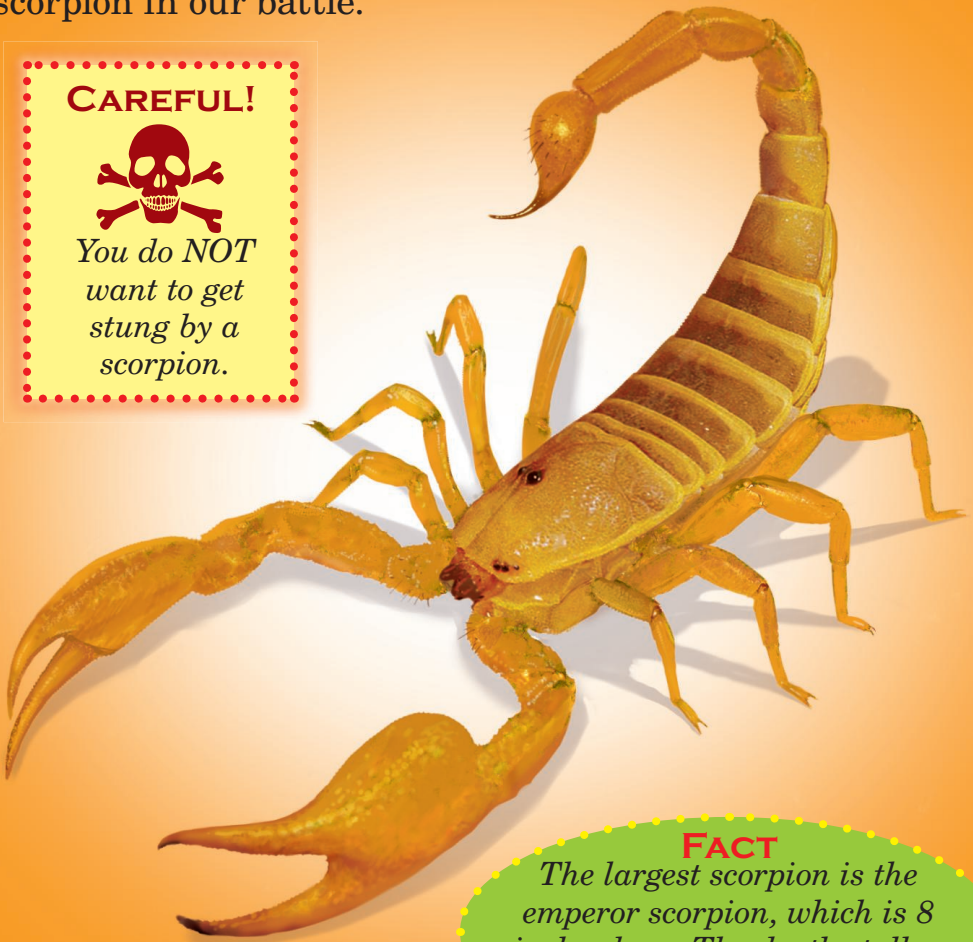
SCIENTIFIC NAME OF SCORPION: "Leiurus quinquestriatus"

Meet the scorpion. There are more than 1,500 known species of scorpion. We will use the death stalker scorpion in our battle.

CAREFUL!



*You do NOT
want to get
stung by a
scorpion.*



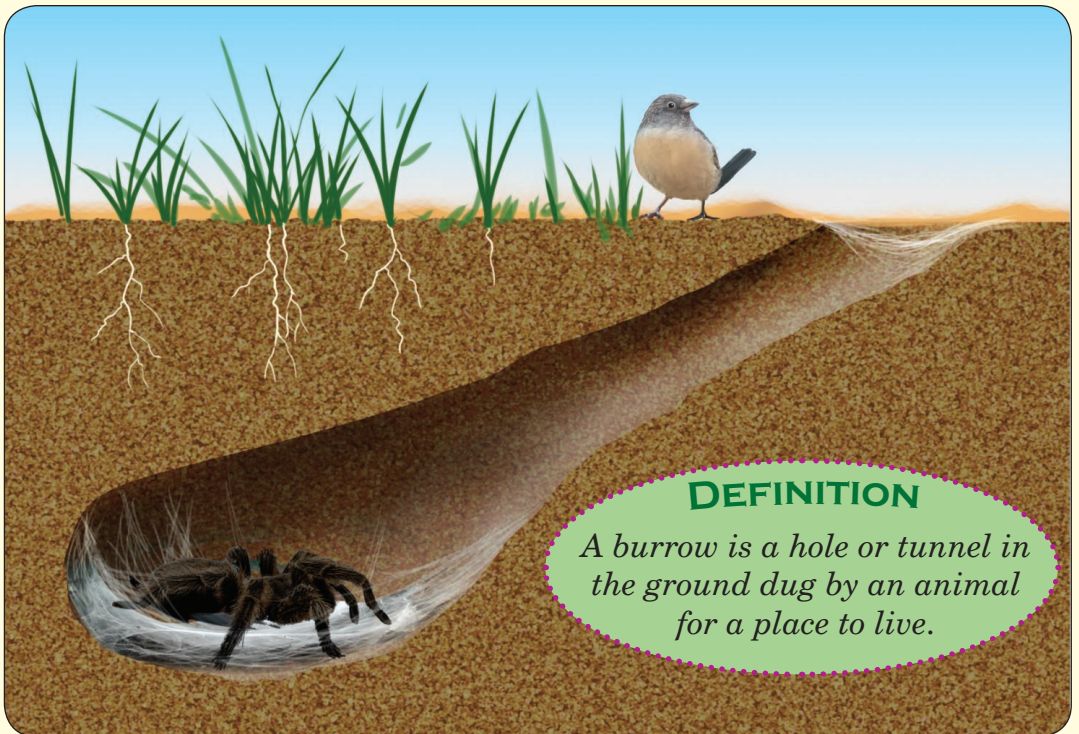
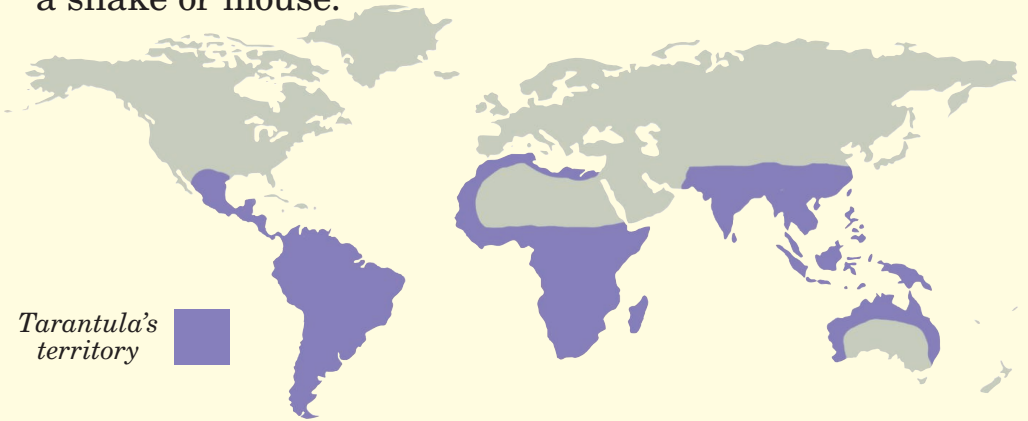
FACT

The largest scorpion is the emperor scorpion, which is 8 inches long. The death stalker scorpion is 3 inches long.

Scorpions are also arachnids. They have two claws and an extended tail. The scorpion has a stinger on the end of its tail. Next to the stinger is the telson, which is filled with poison.

TARANTULA'S BURROW

Many tarantulas live in burrows. They usually dig their own tunnel and then leave a web at the entrance to stop intruders and water from coming in. Sometimes a tarantula will move into an abandoned burrow of a snake or mouse.



DEFINITION

A burrow is a hole or tunnel in the ground dug by an animal for a place to live.