

**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.*



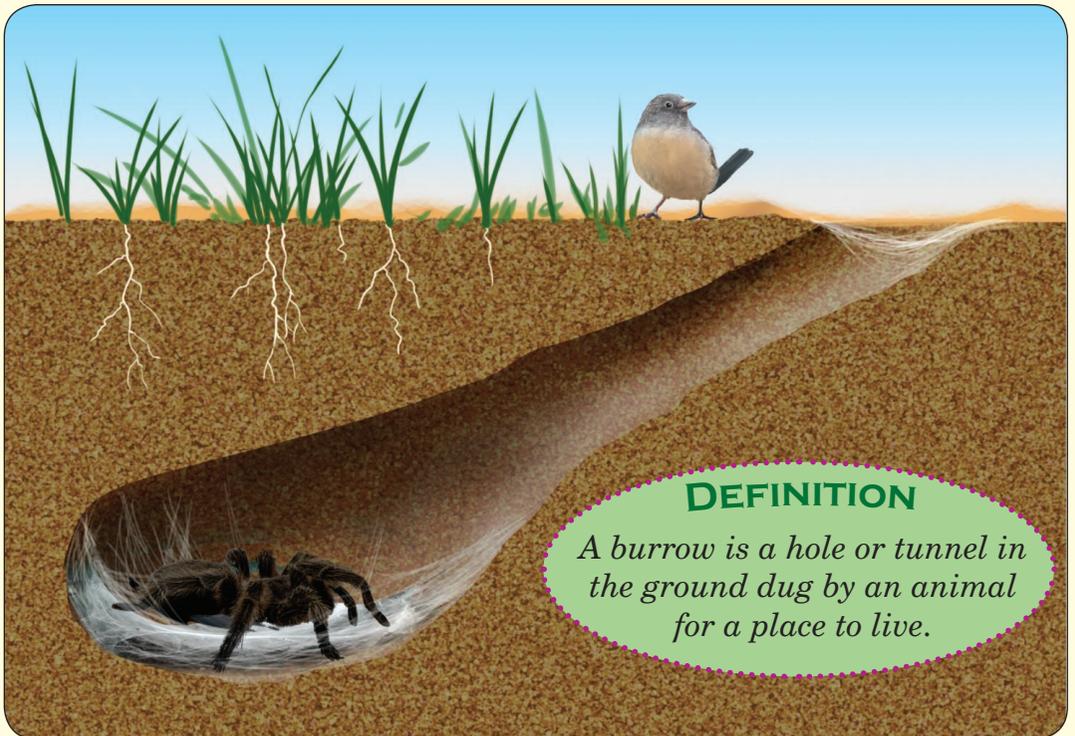
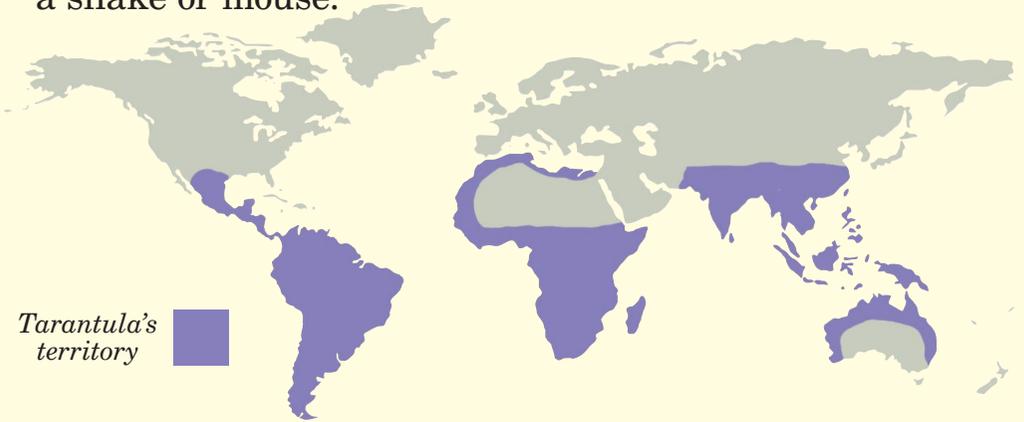
**FACT**

*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.*