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Reading Comprehension

Fact and Opinion

Read the following passage twice. Then answer all questions.

Goliath Birdeater

Janet went to South America on vacation. She saw something she thought was terrifying. While hiking with her mom, she saw a huge spider that was black and amusing. Mom told her that it was a Goliath birdeater, one of the largest spiders in the world. It is a type of tarantula and lives in the rainforests of South America. It got its name when a scientist saw it eating a hummingbird. The spider is harmless to humans, just like other tarantulas. Their sting is only a little bit poisonous to humans. Janet was glad that the Goliath birdeater only lives in South America. She thinks it is the scariest spider ever!

1. What is the title of the story?

Goliath Birdeater

The Scary Spider

South America Spiders

2. Who are the characters in this story?

Janet and dad

Jamie and mom

Janet and mom

3. Where did the girl go on vacation?

North America

South Africa

South America

4. Which word is a compound word from the passage?

poisonous

tarantula

rainforests

5. Select the word from the passage that is a synonym for happy.

glad

amusing

terrifying

6. She thinks it is the scariest spider ever! Which clue word signals that this sentence is an opinion? _____

7. Choose fact or opinion to tell about each statement.

a. She saw something she thought was terrifying. _____

b. The Goliath Birdeater is one of the largest spider in the world. _____