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Question 1

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What is the habitat of a scorpion like?

a. Cold and wet

☐

b. Warm and damp

☐

c. Hot and dry

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Question 2

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Why do scorpions have poison glands?

- a. So they can survive ☐
- b. Because they want to harm humans ☐
- c. All arachnids have them ☐

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Question 3

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Why are scorpions migrating to the UK?

- a. To meet the queen ☐
- b. There are no insects left in Italy to eat ☐
- c. It is the right temperature for them since other countries are too hot for them ☐

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Lesson 1

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VOCABULARY

Arachnids: a group of animals with four pairs of legs

Poison: something that can make you sick or kill you if you eat or drink it

Glands: an organ in the body that produced a particular chemical or liquid

Stinger: a pointed part of an insect, plant, or animal that goes through a person's or animal's skin and leaves behind poison

Colonies: a group or nest of scorpions



Activity

Instructions: Read the questions, and choose the correct answer, A, B, or C.

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|---|---|
| 1 | What part of their body do scorpions use to catch prey? ☐ |
| | A stinger |
| | B glands |
| | C legs |
| 2 | Why have colonies of scorpions been found in the United Kingdom? ☐ |
| | A changes in weather patterns |
| | B an increase in temperatures |
| | C a decrease in temperatures |

