LESSON	Animal Habitats

In this lesson, you will read three texts about animals and their habitats. Then, you will answer questions and complete a task to show your understanding of the texts.

TEXT 1	Scorpion Habitats

Scorpions live all over the world, but mostly in dry, warm areas. Like spiders, they are **arachnids** and have eight legs. Scorpions have a pair of **poison glands** in their **stinger**; this is what they use for hunting. Scorpion poison is meant for animals so it is usually not harmful to humans.

The European yellow-tailed scorpion is found in warm European countries like Italy or Portugal. It is quite small, about 5cm, and eats insects. As global warming is causing the temperature in many countries to get warmer, **colonies** of scorpions have been found in the United Kingdom.

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

A European yellow-tailed scorpion

Instructions: Use the information in **TEXT 1** to answer the questions below. Read the questions, and choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, or **C**.	
1	What organ in the body produces poison 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