

## School Holiday Homework

### Tarantulas



Tarantulas are large, hairy spiders. Most are black or brown. Some have been known to live for 30 years!

Did you know that the largest tarantulas are longer than a ruler? They have a tiny claw on the end of each of their eight hairy legs. These help them to climb.

Some live in burrows under the ground. Others live on the ground under rocks, bark or logs. Some even live in trees.

Tarantulas are meat eaters. They like to eat insects, other spiders and small lizards. Larger tarantulas also eat frogs, snakes and small birds. They kill their prey with a poisonous bite. Then they crush them with their strong jaws. Most tarantulas don't wait in their web to catch their prey. They run after them and catch them!

A tarantula's bite is like a bee or wasp sting to human being. It is good to know if one bit a person, he or she would not die!

**Read the statement and write either True or False.**

1. Tarantulas are small and scary insects. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tarantulas are mostly blue or black. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Tarantula has a tiny claw on the end of each of its six hairy legs. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tarantulas are spiders. \_\_\_\_\_
5. One place where tarantulas live is in trees. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Tarantulas are carnivores. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Larger tarantulas like to eat small birds. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Tarantulas kill their prey with a poisonous bite. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Tarantulas always wait for their prey in their web. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Tarantula's bite is like mosquito bite. \_\_\_\_\_