

# Alpha Readers



## Animals That Sting



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Word Study

A What do animals sting with? Write the words in the correct pictures.

1 **spine**  

2 **hair** 

3 **sting** 

4 **fangs** 

5 **tail** 

6 **tentacles** 

7 **mouth** 

- Word Box**
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B Use the clues to unscramble the words.

<p><b>mosquito</b></p> <p>gutmoois</p>  <p>a small flying insect which bites people and animals to get blood</p>	<p><b>stingray</b></p> <p>ingayert</p>  <p>a large flat fish with a long tail</p>
<p><b>jellyfish</b></p> <p>sherfily</p>  <p>a sea creature that has a clear soft body</p>	<p><b>caterpillar</b></p> <p>erarpillcat</p>  <p>a small, worm-like animal</p>
<p><b>bee</b></p> <p>ebe</p>  <p>an insect with a striped body</p>	<p><b>scorpion</b></p> <p>onorscpi</p>  <p>a small creature which looks like a large insect</p>

Comprehension

C Classify and write the phrases related to each animal.

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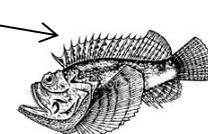
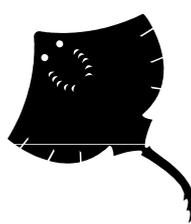
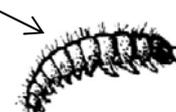
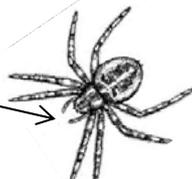
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  - b) jellyfish
- What animals use its tail as a whip?
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