

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.

mosquito a small flying insect which bites people and animals to get blood	stingray a large flat fish with a long tail
jellyfish a sea creature that has a clear soft body	caterpillar a small, worm-like animal
bee an insect with a striped body	scorpion a small creature which looks like a large insect

Comprehension

C Classify and write the phrases related to each animal.

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a long thin mouth, tentacles with stings, a blood sucking insect, poisonous hairs, a bending tail over its head, a stinging spine, poison in the tip of its tail, sting to kill its food and protect itself(x2), a sting on the end of its body

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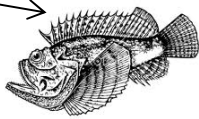


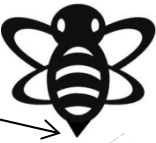

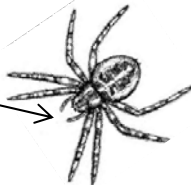

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a) bees
b) wasps
2. What animals sting only to get food?
a) scorpions
b) mosquitoes
3. What animals sting only to protect themselves?
a) caterpillars
b) jellyfish
4. What animals use its tail as a whip?
a) stingrays
b) caterpillars

E Can you name any other poisonous animals?

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