

## Title: Caring for Your Tarantula

### Word Study

A. Fill in the blanks using the words.

itch	bite	molting	crickets
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1.



Your tarantula might bite you if you hold it.

2.



Tarantulas eat crickets.

3.



Your tarantula might make you itch.

4.



Your tarantula grows by molting.

### Reading Comprehension

B. Circle Yes or No.

1.



Tarantulas are not spiders.

Yes

No

2.



Tarantulas need a lot of room.

Yes

No

3.



Tarantulas are good at getting away.

Yes

No

4.



A tarantula loses its old skin when it molts.

Yes

No

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why is it a bad idea to hold your tarantula?



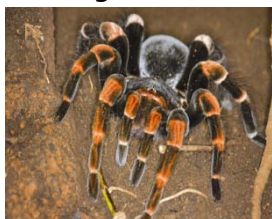
a. It might make you itch.

b. It might bite you.

c. You might hurt it.

d. All of the above

2. How are girl tarantulas different from boy tarantulas?



a. They are bigger.

b. They are a different color.

c. They live longer.

d. They have more hair.

3. How should you move your tarantula?



a. Chase it to where you want it to go

b. Pick it up with your hands

c. Gently tap it with a stick

d. Use a cup to pick it up and put it down

4. What shouldn't you do when a tarantula is molting?



- a. Give it crickets
- b. Go to the pet store
- c. Give it a place to hide
- d. Put it in a glass tank

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

hurt	spiders	skin	cover
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Tarantulas are 1) spiders. They make good pets. They are easy to take care of. They don't need a lot of room. You should never hold your tarantula. It might bite you. It can also make you itch. You could also 2) hurt your tarantula by holding it. Get a glass tank for your tarantula. It should not be too high. The 3) cover should let air in. It should also fit well, so your tarantula doesn't get away. Your tarantula needs a place to hide. It needs water and food, too. Give your tarantula crickets to eat. Do not give it crickets when it is molting. Tarantulas lose their old 4) skin when they grow. Even a small cricket could hurt your tarantula. Molting can last for two weeks. Tarantulas are interesting pets!