

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ you if you hold it.

2.



Tarantulas eat \_\_\_\_\_.

3.



Your tarantula might make you \_\_\_\_\_.

4.



Your tarantula grows by \_\_\_\_\_.

### 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) \_\_\_\_\_. 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) \_\_\_\_\_ your tarantula by holding it. Get a glass tank for your tarantula. It should not be too high. The 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 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) \_\_\_\_\_ when they grow. Even a small cricket could hurt your tarantula. Molting can last for two weeks. Tarantulas are interesting pets!