

Title: Scorpions!

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

continent	poisonous	exoskeletons	fingernails	stingers
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1. It's safe to pick up that little snake because it is not _____.
2. Scorpions use their _____ both to kill food and to defend themselves.
3. Many animals, including insects, have _____ instead of bones.
4. Australia is the only country that is also a(n) _____.
5. She painted her _____ a bright pink color.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Scorpions are a type of insect. T / F
2. All scorpions' tails are curled over their backs. T / F
3. Scorpions sometimes eat other scorpions. T / F
4. All scorpion stings cause pain. T / F
5. There is no medicine for a scorpion sting. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Scorpion bodies have (two / three) main parts.
2. Only a few scorpions live (alone / in groups).
3. Some of the (smallest / biggest) scorpions are a little longer than a pencil.
4. Baby scorpions are born (from eggs / live).
5. Bats sometimes (eat / are eaten by) scorpions.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Which is true about a scorpion that has just molted?
 - a. Its exoskeleton is too large.
 - b. Its exoskeleton is too small.
 - c. Its skin is soft.
 - d. Its skin is hard.

2. Which best describes a scorpion's body?
 - a. Flat
 - b. Round
 - c. Tall
 - d. Wide

3. Scorpions live in all of the following places EXCEPT:
 - a. forests
 - b. deserts
 - c. the Middle East
 - d. Antarctica

4. Which is true about scorpion stings?
 - a. They are not poisonous to humans.
 - b. They usually feel like bee stings to humans.
 - c. They almost always cause death in humans.
 - d. They never cause death in humans.

5. What should you do for someone stung by a dangerous scorpion?
 - a. Pull out the stinger.
 - b. Put ice on the sting.
 - c. Give him/her pain medicine.
 - d. Take him/her to a hospital.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

stung	pincers	arachnids	deadly	grab
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Like other _____, scorpions have eight legs, and their bodies are divided into a head and an abdomen. They also have two _____ and a long tail with a stinger. They raise their stinger high before using it. Scorpions are active at night and sleep during the day in dark, moist spaces. There are many different kinds, and they live all over the world. Scorpions do not see well. They find food with their sense of touch. Then they _____ it with their pincers. Insects and other small animals are their usual food. Scorpions look scary, and it is painful to be _____ by one. But only some species, such as the death stalker, are _____. People who live in places with these species have to be careful. Scorpions are eaten in some countries, and scientists study them to see if their poison can be useful. But almost everyone else finds them frightening!