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13)	"My way to eat is a lot different than yours. Instead of chewing my food, I inject my prey with venom to paralyze it, and then I liquefy their insides and drink it up."
14)	"To detect movements and vibrations, I rely on the tiny hairs that cover my body."
15)	"My species are known for our large size, with some of us even have a leg span as wide as an adult human's face!"
16)	"I've got soft skin."
17)	"Deserts are too hot for me."
18)	"I live much longer than most spiders, some of us females living up to 25 years!"
<b>19</b> )	"I always pick a fight when I see a threat."
20)	"My size is as small as a thumb."
21)	"Some of my species have bodies reaching almost 5 inches and legs spanning up to 11 inches, making us one of the largest spiders!"
22)	"Mice are too big for me to eat, I just eat insects."
23)	"I eat insects like beetles and grasshoppers, and sometimes even small birds and mice."
24)	"I make my home underground in burrows. I line the burrow with silk to keep out unwanted guests and the weather."
25)	"I love to spin webs to catch my prey."
26)	"I'd prefer not to fight. If I can, I'd rather run away."
27)	"You can find me in a variety of habitats around the world, from deserts to jungles and forests."
28)	"My home is in the open fields."
29)	"I don't have any hairs on my body."
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- **38**) Tarantulas have the most interesting way of eating.
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#### Determine if the statement is true or false.

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46)		chew their food before they eat	t it.				
47)		Tarantulas are extremely aggressive and prefer to fight.					
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<b>49</b> )		have tiny hairs all over their bo	ody.				
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	C. it were		D. it was				
54)	<u>They're</u> not	as scary as they seem.					
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55)	I can't belie	ve tarantulas can eat birds!					
56)	Don't touch	a tarantula without proper sup	pervision!				
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- **62)** Where can tarantulas be found?
- **63**) Tarantulas mainly eat insects and small animals.
- **64)** Be careful, tarantulas have venomous bites.



**65**) Wow, tarantulas can have a leg span of up to 11 inches!

**66**) Remember to never disturb a tarantula's burrow.

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	Tarantulas	Name:	Answer Key
12)	"We tarantulas have a hard outer body called an exoskeleton. As we get old larger we shed our skin!"	er and grow	N
13)	"My way to eat is a lot different than yours. Instead of chewing my food, I is with venom to paralyze it, and then I liquefy their insides and drink it up."	inject my p	rey
14)	"To detect movements and vibrations, I rely on the tiny hairs that cover my	body."	
15)	"My species are known for our large size, with some of us even have a leg s an adult human's face!"	span as wid	le as
16)	"I've got soft skin."		
17)	"Deserts are too hot for me."		
<b>18</b> )	"I live much longer than most spiders, some of us females living up to 25 ye	ears!"	
<b>19</b> )	"I always pick a fight when I see a threat."		
20)	"My size is as small as a thumb."		
21)	"Some of my species have bodies reaching almost 5 inches and legs spannin inches, making us one of the largest spiders!"	ng up to 11	
22)	"Mice are too big for me to eat, I just eat insects."		
23)	"I eat insects like beetles and grasshoppers, and sometimes even small birds	s and mice.	"
24)	"I make my home underground in burrows. I line the burrow with silk to ke unwanted guests and the weather."	ep out	
25)	"I love to spin webs to catch my prey."		
26)	"I'd prefer not to fight. If I can, I'd rather run away."		
27)	"You can find me in a variety of habitats around the world, from deserts to forests."	jungles and	1
28)	"My home is in the open fields."		
29)	"I don't have any hairs on my body."		
Dete	ermine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in tl	he article.	
30)	Tarantulas can be found in various habitats around the world, such as desert forests.	ts, jungles,	and
31)	It's amazing how tarantulas can live in so many different habitats around the	e world.	
32)	Tarantulas bodies have tiny hairs to sense vibrations in the air or on the gro	und.	
33)	It's pretty cool that tarantulas are so big and hairy!		
34)	The body of a tarantula can reach up to almost 5 inches.		
35)	It's amazing how tarantulas live for such a long time even when they are so	big.	
36)	Some Tarantulas, especially females, have a life span of up to 25 years.		
37)	Terentules have an excelution, a hard outer hody which they malt as they	~**	

- 37) Tarantulas have an exoskeleton, a hard outer body which they molt as they grow.
- **38)** Tarantulas have the most interesting way of eating.
- **39**) Tarantulas are not scary, they are just misunderstood.

### Determine if the statement is true or false.

**40)** Tarantulas do not make webs to catch food.

	Tarar	itulas	Name:	Answer Key
41)	Tarantulas have a soft outer body.			
42)	Tarantulas have a hard outer body called a	n exoskeleton.		
43)	Rainforest tarantulas only eat fruits and ve	egetables.		
44)	Tarantulas paralyze their prey with venom	before they eat.		
45)	Tarantulas makes their home in trees.			
<b>46</b> )	Tarantulas chew their food before they ear	t it.		
47)	Tarantulas are extremely aggressive and p	refer to fight.		
<b>48</b> )	Some tarantulas can live up to 25 years.			
<b>49</b> )	Tarantulas have tiny hairs all over their bo	ody.		
Det	ermine which choice is the expanded forn	n of the underlined contraction.		
<b>50</b> )	They don't eat plants, but instead hunt inse	cts and small animals.		
	A. does not	B. do not		
	C. did not	D. are not		
51)	Tarantulas aren't dangerous to humans, but	t their hairs can cause irritation.		
	A. are not	B. will not		
	C. can not	D. are able		
52)	Tarantulas can't spin webs like other spide	rs.		
	A. can	B. are not able		
	C. will not	D. cannot		
53)	It's important to learn about these fascination	ng creatures.		
	A. it is	B. it has		
	C. it were	D. it was		
54)	They're not as scary as they seem.			
	A. they were	B. they will		
	C. they are	D. they can		
Det	ermine if the sentence is a declarative(d),	exclamatory(e), interrogative(i	) or	
imp	erative(m).			
55)	I can't believe tarantulas can eat birds!			
56)	Don't touch a tarantula without proper sup	pervision!		
57)	How long can tarantulas live?			
58)	Tarantulas can live for so many years, eve	n up to 25 years!		
<b>59</b> )	Tarantulas live in deserts, rainforests, and	mountains.		
60)	Are tarantulas venomous?			
<b>61</b> )	Sama tanantula anagina ang liva un ta 25 u			

- 61) Some tarantula species can live up to 25 years or more.
- **62**) Where can tarantulas be found?
- **63)** Tarantulas mainly eat insects and small animals.
- **64)** Be careful, tarantulas have venomous bites.



Name: Answer Key

65) Wow, tarantulas can have a leg span of up to 11 inches!

**66)** Remember to never disturb a tarantula's burrow.

			Tarantulas			Name:	Answer Key
1.	D	26.	true	51.	Α		
2.	С	27	true	52.	D	_	
3.	В	28.	false	53.	A	_	
4.	D	29.	false	54.	С	_	
5.	<u> </u>	30.	fact	55.	exclamatory		
6.	<u> </u>	31	opinion	56.	imperative	_	
7.	D	32.	fact	57.	interrogative		
8.	С	33.	opinion	58.	exclamatory		
9.	C	34	fact	59.	declarative		
10.	D	35	opinion	60.	interrogative		
11.	false	36	fact	61.	declarative		
12.	true	37	fact	62.	interrogative	_	
13.	true	38	opinion	63.	declarative	_	
14.	true	39.	opinion	64.	imperative	_	
15.	true	40.	true	65.	exclamatory		
16.	false	41.	false	66.	imperative	_	
17.	false	42.	true				
18.	true	43.	false				
19.	false	44	true				
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21.	true	46.	false				
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23.	true	48.	true				
24.	true	49.	true				
25.	false	50	В				
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#### Solve each problem.

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	the article to answer the question. How big can a tarantula's body get? (paragraph 1)	1	
,	A.		Not more than 3 inches
	С.		over 4 inches
2)	Why are tarantulas different from other spide	rs?	(paragraph 4)
	А.	В.	They are vegetarian
	C. They live much longer than most spiders	D.	
3)	What do adult tarantulas eat? (paragraph 2)		
	А.	В.	Insects, small birds and mice
	С.	D.	
4)	What is the lifespan of female tarantulas? (para	agrapł	n 4)
	A. Only 5 years	В.	Around 10 years
	C.	D.	Up to 25 years
5)	How do tarantulas react when they encounter	dar	nger? (paragraph 3)
	A.	B.	They try and run away
	С.	D.	
6)	What does a tarantula use to sense vibrations'	? (pa	ragraph 1)
	A. Their eight legs	B.	Tiny hairs on their bodies
	C.	D.	
7)	Where would you NOT find tarantulas in the	wil	d? (paragraph 3)
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	A.	В.	jungles
	А. С.		jungles Cities
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