

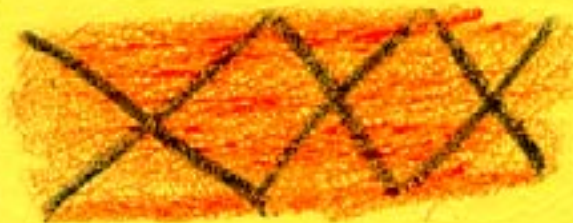
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## Scorpions

A scorpion is a small animal with a dangerous, poisonous sting in its tail. Most people fear the scorpion because of its sting and ugly appearance.

Scorpions are not insects but, like spiders, belong to the class Arachnida.

Scorpions live in warm countries in most parts of the world.

The body of the scorpion has two parts. Its short and thick forward part is called the cephalothorax. This  
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part is made up of the head and chest, which join together. The hind part is the long abdomen. The last six segments of it form a slender tail. Scorpions are usually black or yellowish, and from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 inches long. The scorpion has six pairs of jointed appendages. The first pair are tiny pincers, not visible in the accompanying illustration. The second pair, also a mouth part, have large claws, used to seize and crush prey. The last four pairs are leg parts. There (turn over)



are 6 to 12 eyes - different kinds of scorpions have different numbers. The breathing pores are on the abdomen.

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Scorpions give birth to their young, and the female carries them on her back for some time. The young grow slowly, in some cases requiring several years to become adults.

Scorpions eat large insects and spiders, and are most active at night. The scorpion's sting is a curved organ in the end of its tail.  
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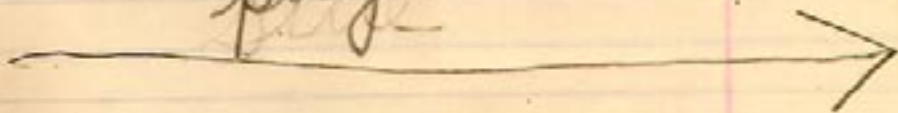
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Two glands at the base give  
out a poison that flows  
from two pores. A scorpion  
wound is painful, but does  
not usually cause death.

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