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Is That a Fact?

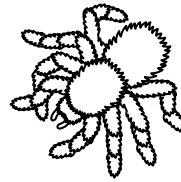
All the sentences below are based on the animals featured in the cover story "Monster Tales." Some of the sentences are *facts*, or statements that can be proved to be true. Others are *opinions*, or a person's ideas or thoughts about something. Opinions cannot be proved.

Read each sentence below, and then write "F" for Fact or "O" for Opinion.

Example: F October is the tenth month of the year.

 O October is the best month of the year.

- _____ 1. Bats are scarier than tarantulas.
- _____ 2. Everyone should keep a tarantula as a pet.
- _____ 3. Flying fox bats are the largest bats in the world.
- _____ 4. The first snakes appeared about 95 million years ago.
- _____ 5. Snakes are more interesting to look at than bats.
- _____ 6. Some types of tarantulas can live for more than 30 years.
- _____ 7. Everyone should love snakes.
- _____ 8. Bats, snakes, and tarantulas are creepy creatures.
- _____ 9. Snakes do not chew their food or even bite it into pieces—they swallow their food whole!
- _____ 10. Tarantulas have eight eyes and eight legs.



BONUS: Choose a statement that you marked as a fact. How could you prove that it is a fact?

Write your own opinion about another type of animal that gives you the creeps.
