

What's down there?

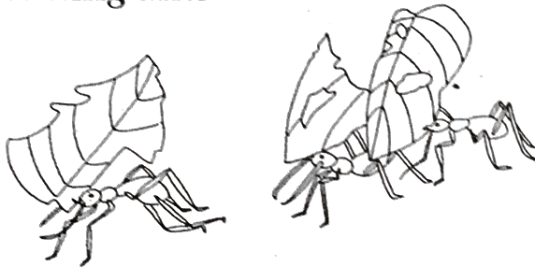


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The forest floor teems with millions of insects and tiny creatures. Here are just four of them. Complete the sentences below, using words from the bottom of each box.

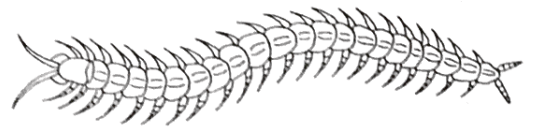
Leaf-cutting ants



Leaf-cutting ants live on the forest floor. They use their sharp jaws to cut up pieces of leaf. They make tiny piles of compost from the leaves. They feed on the fungi which grow on this compost.

(leaf, fungi, compost, forest)

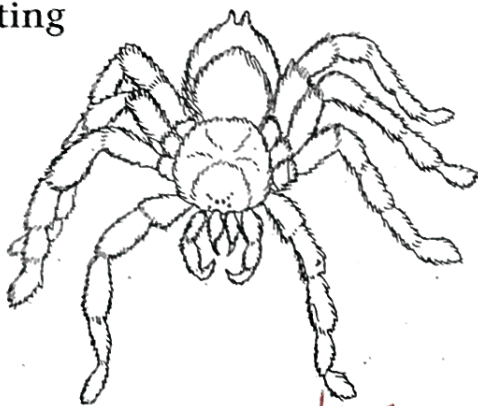
Centipede



Centipedes are fierce predators. They eat other small creatures. Their eggs are laid in soil. When the young hatch they look just like the adults. They have one pair of legs on each segment of their long thin body.

(eggs, legs, predators, adults)

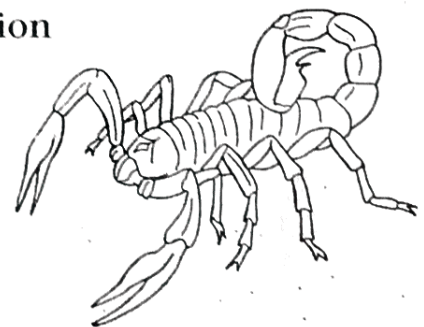
Bird-eating spider



Bird-eating spiders live under logs and in holes. They eat small birds. They kill their prey with poison from their jaws.

(holes, poison, logs, birds)

Scorpion



Scorpions have a sting at the end of their tail. It is used to protect them from predators. The sting is also used to kill small animals, which the scorpion then eats. Scorpions hunt at night.

(kill, night, sting, tail)

Write the meanings of the words **predator** and **prey** in your glossary.

Which of the creatures above is not a predator?