

MINI-READS

This Dog is a High School Grad!

how! He is young to retire.

The graduating class at Portage High School in Portage, Indiana, included a unique member in 2013. It was Prince, the school's much-loved therapy dog! After four-and-a-half years of helping students,

Prince was retiring. To honor him, the students decided to put his picture in their yearbook. Prince got to attend the graduation ceremony too. He wore his own doggy-size cap and gown.



Find the Main Idea

Read the sentences below about "This Dog is a High School Grad!" Underline the main idea. Circle the supporting detail. ✓ Check the opinion.

1. A dog was in a school yearbook and graduation ceremony.
- ✓ 2. Honoring Prince the therapy dog was a wonderful idea.
- 3. Prince wore his own cap and gown at the graduation.

Supersized Spider

What is hairy, has eight eyes, and is as big as a dinner plate? Nope, it's not the meatloaf in your school cafeteria. It's the Goliath bird-eating spider! With an 11-inch leg span, it is the largest tarantula, a type of

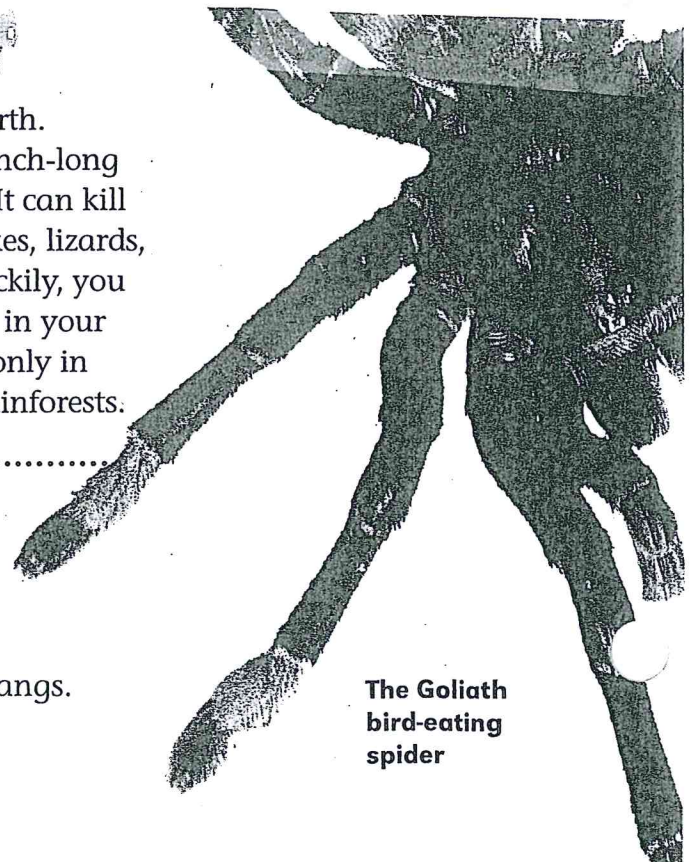
hairy spider, on Earth.

This spider has inch-long fangs and poison. It can kill and eat small snakes, lizards, and even birds. Luckily, you won't run into one in your back yard. It lives only in South American rainforests.

Find the Main Idea

Read the sentences below about "Supersized Spider." Underline the main idea. Circle the supporting detail. ✓ Check the opinion.

1. The Goliath bird-eating spider has inch-long fangs.
2. Spiders are the creepiest creatures of all.
3. The Goliath bird-eating spider is the biggest tarantula on Earth.



The Goliath bird-eating spider

what type of therapy?