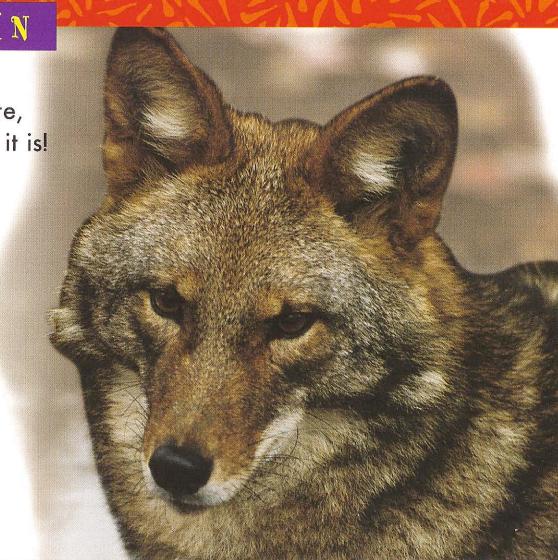


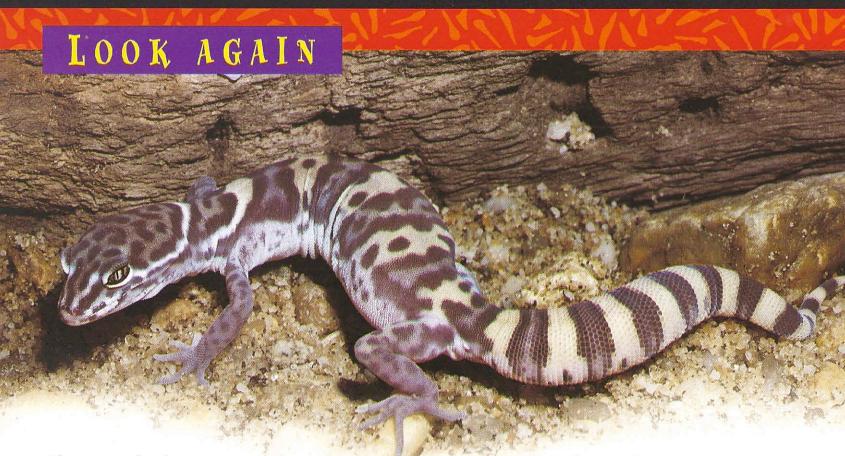
It's the nose of a coyote, and a very good nose it is! A coyote's nose is one million times better at smelling things than your nose. Thanks to its good sense of smell, a coyote can find food far away or underground.



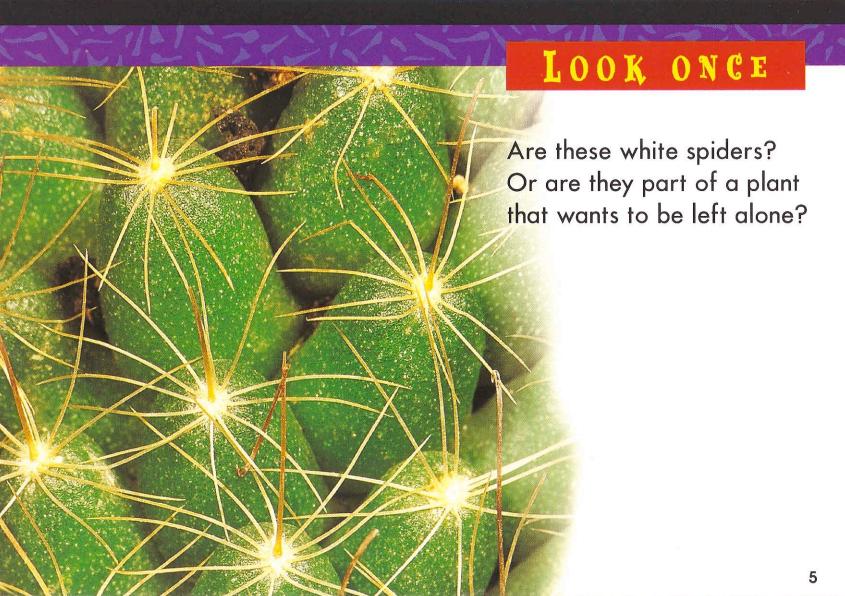
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In bright light, this eye is just a narrow slit. After dark, it opens wide and looks for flies.





The eye belongs to a banded gecko. Geckos are lizards. They can walk on walls, ceilings, and even glass windows. Geckos will go almost anywhere to catch a fly!



These are the spines of a desert cactus.

Many desert animals would love to eat the cactus because it stores water in its stem. But animals do not want a mouthful of spines!

When spring rains come, the cactus blooms with colorful blossoms.



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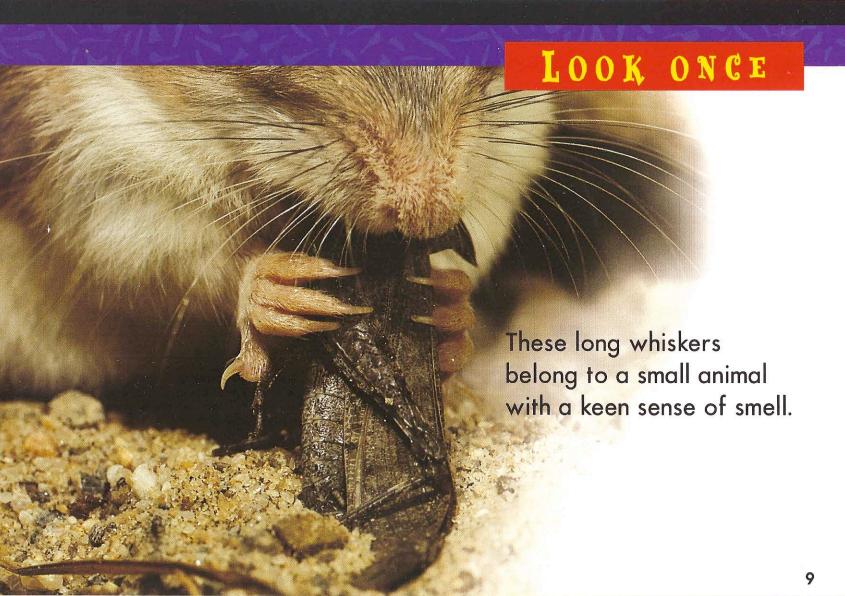
If you shake this, it will rattle. But you don't want to shake this kind of rattle! It belongs to a . . .



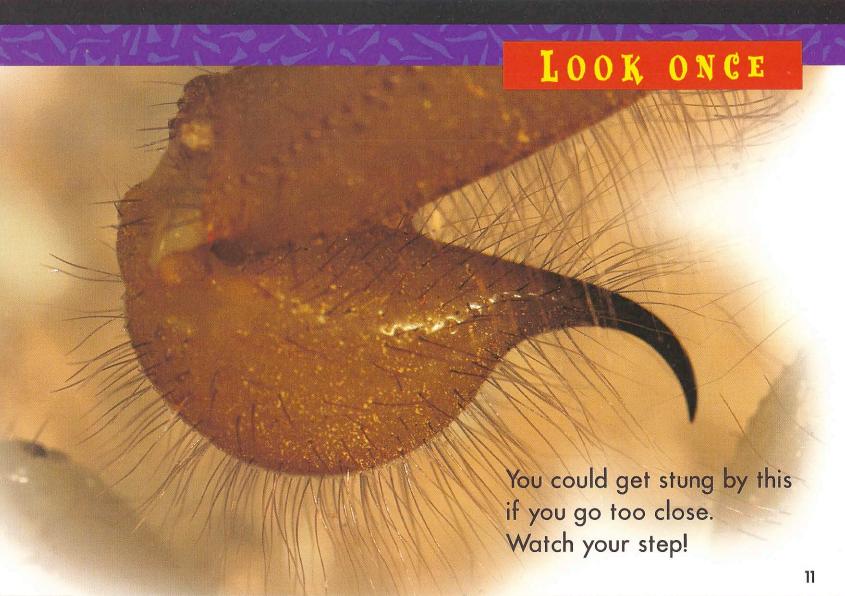
... rattlesnake! Poisonous snakes like this diamondback rattlesnake use their rattles to warn other animals to stay away.

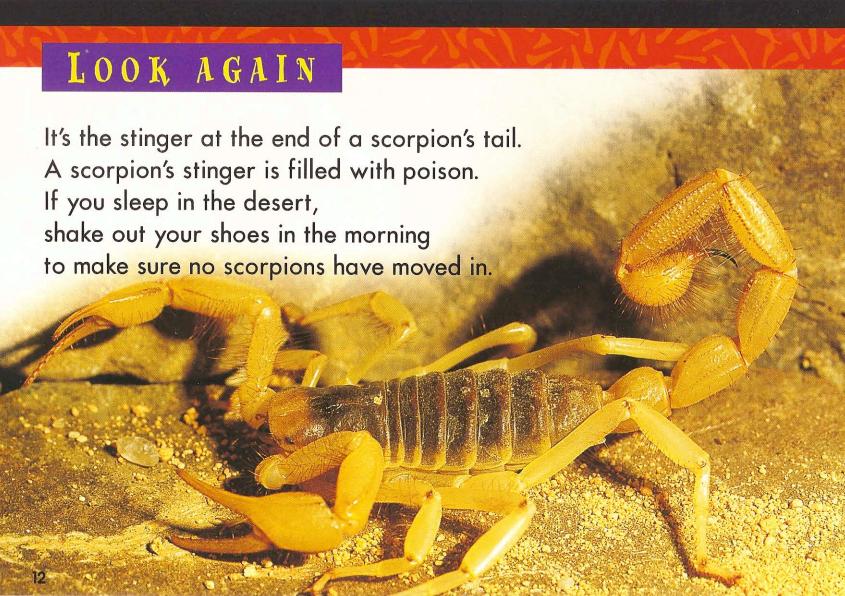
They do not want to bite. They would rather be left in peace.

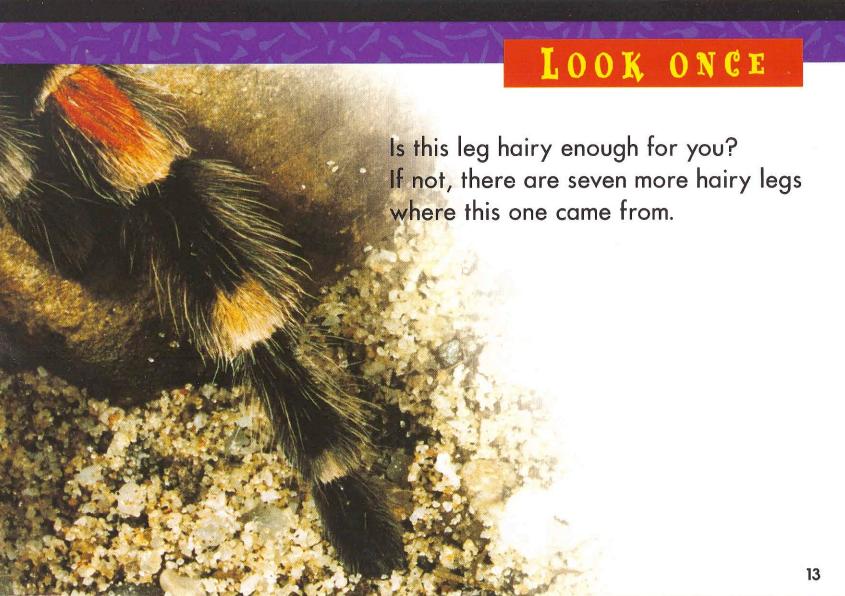




This mouse eats grasshoppers. It is called a grasshopper mouse. It uses its long whiskers to sense when a coyote is near. When it feels movement, it scurries off. It does not want to be the coyote's meal.

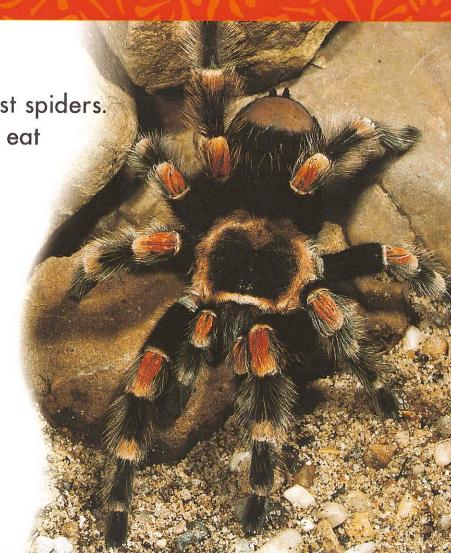




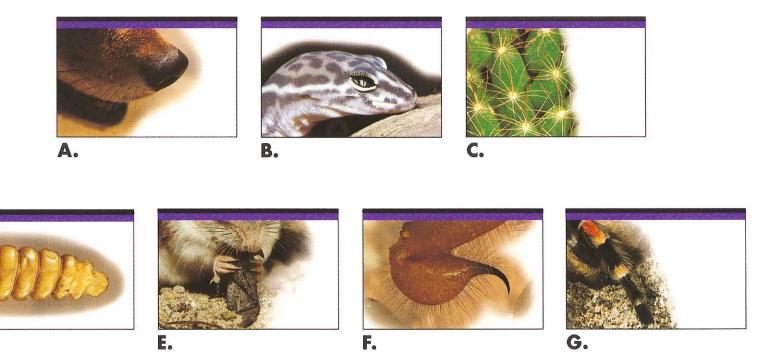


Tarantulas are the world's biggest spiders.
Some are so large that they can eat lizards, small birds, and mice.

The hairs on a tarantula's legs vibrate slightly when other animals are moving nearby. The vibrations help the giant spider find its food.



LOOK ONCE



Look closely. Can you name these plants and animals?



A. Coyote



B. Gecko



C. Cactus

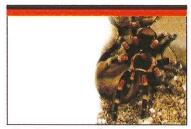


D. Diamondback rattlesnake



E. Grasshopper mouse F. Scorpion





G. Tarantula

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