

# Chilean Rose Tarantula

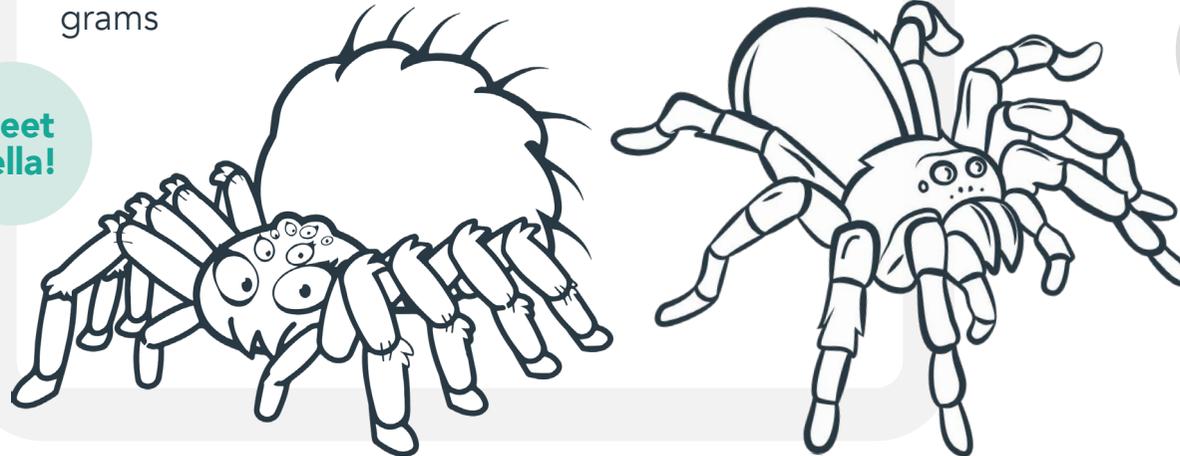
Dust the cobwebs off your spider knowledge with our tarantula activity pack!

Tarantulas have a bad reputation but only a few species have a powerful bite. The venom is not usually highly toxic to humans. Tarantulas are actually placid and harmless and will only attack if provoked. In many cases, the bite is no more harmful to humans than a bee sting.

## How do spiders communicate?

Through the World Wide Web.

Meet Bella!



**Scientific Name:**  
*Grammostola rosea*

**Class:** Arachnida

**Lifespan:** Females live round 20 years. Males live 2-4 years

**Threats:** Birds, reptiles, mammals

**Distribution:** Native to Chile

**Habitat:** Desert and scrub habitats urban areas, and wetlands.

**Width:** Up to 5 inches

**Weight:** Around 250 grams

**Diet:** Insects. Prey is injected with venom and enzymes that begin breaking it down into ingestible fluids.

**Housing:** A glass tank

**Things To Know:** Chilean Rose Tarantulas need soil in the bottom of the tank and it should allow the tarantula to burrow. It needs a hide to feel safe.

The temperature of the tank should be around 75 degrees.

**FACT FILE:**  
Unlike other most other spiders, tarantulas do not catch prey in webs. They stalk and attack their prey similar to a jaguar.

Colour us in!

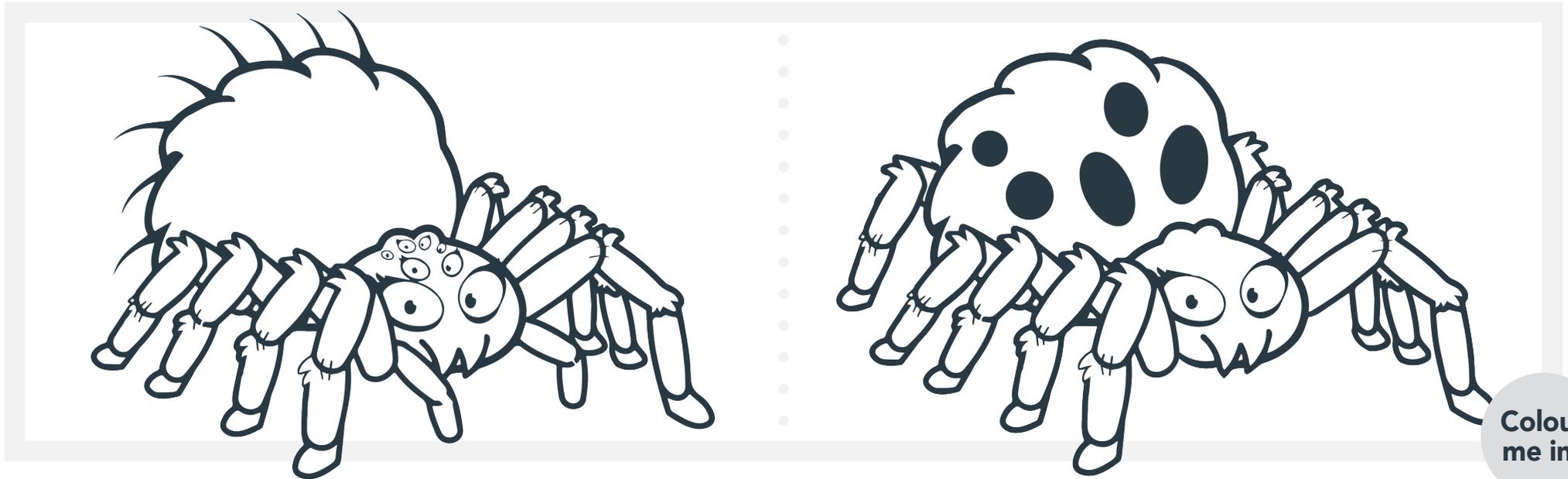


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# Activity Sheet!

## TASK

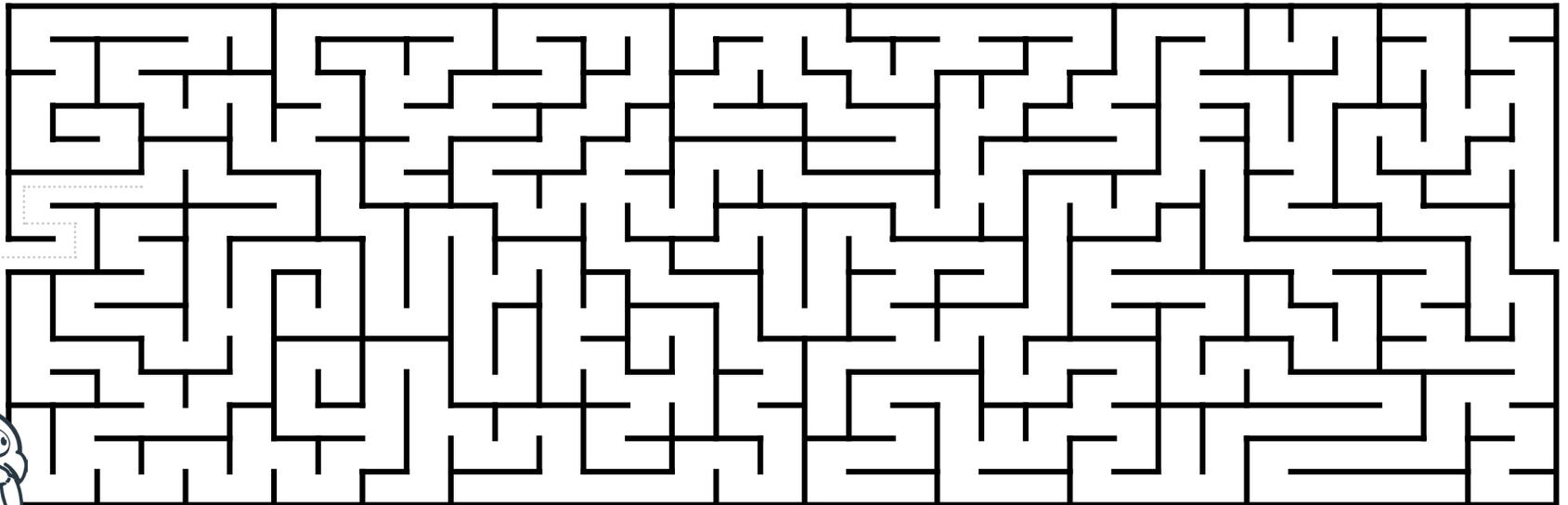
Circle five differences between the two pictures.



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## TASK

Help the hungry tarantula find its way through the maze so it can eat its dinner!

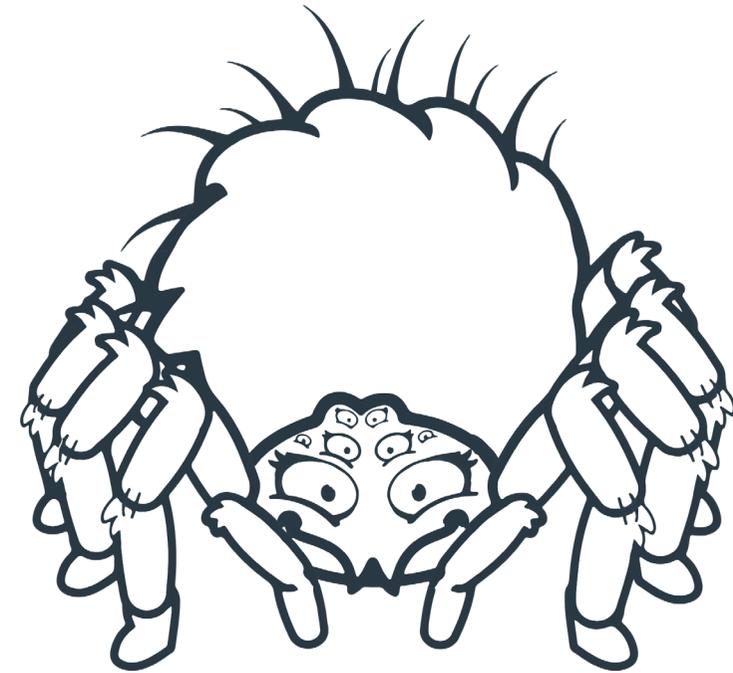




# Wordsearch

How many of these web-themed words can you find?

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| <del>FANGS</del> | MOULTING    |
| SPIDER           | EYES        |
| TARANTULA        | CARNIVOROUS |
| HAIR             | PREDATOR    |
| ARACHNID         | VENOM       |



Colour me in!