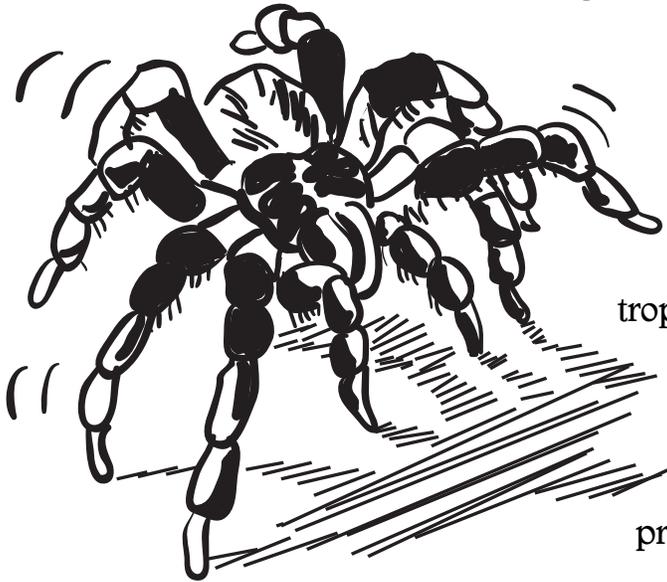


Amazon Trivia



- Rainforests used to cover 14% of the earth's land surface; now they only cover 6%.
- More than half of the world's estimated 10 million species of plants, animals and insects live in the tropical rainforests.
- The Amazon gets nine feet of rain every year!
- More than 20 percent of the world oxygen is produced in the Amazon Rainforest.

• Over 500 mammals, 175 lizards and over 300 other reptiles species, and one third of the world's birds live in Amazonia.

• It is estimated that about 30 million insect types can be found here.

• The Amazon covers 2.5 million miles, about the size of the USA west of the Mississippi

• The name Amazon comes from the Greek myth of the Amazonas, who were powerful women warriors whose courage and war cries terrified their enemies.



• The Amazon forest is full of world records. It has the largest beetle, the *Titanus giganteus*, 20 centimeters long; and the smallest monkey, the sagui, or pygmy marmoset, which reaches a length of only 15 centimeters and weighs only about 100 grams.

• There are more fish species in the Amazon river system than in the entire Atlantic Ocean.

• At least 1/3 of the planet's bird species live in the Amazon rainforest.