

Animal- Compare and Contrast

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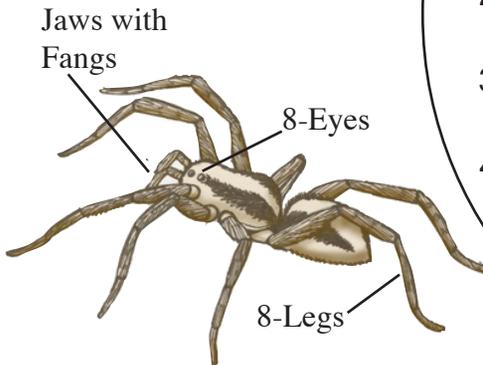
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As a spider grows, it **molts**. That means it sheds its skin. A wolf spider molts many times during its life. Each time, it gets bigger.

Most spiders build webs to catch prey. Wolf spiders do not. They **hunt for food**. Wolf spiders **eat insects and other spiders**.

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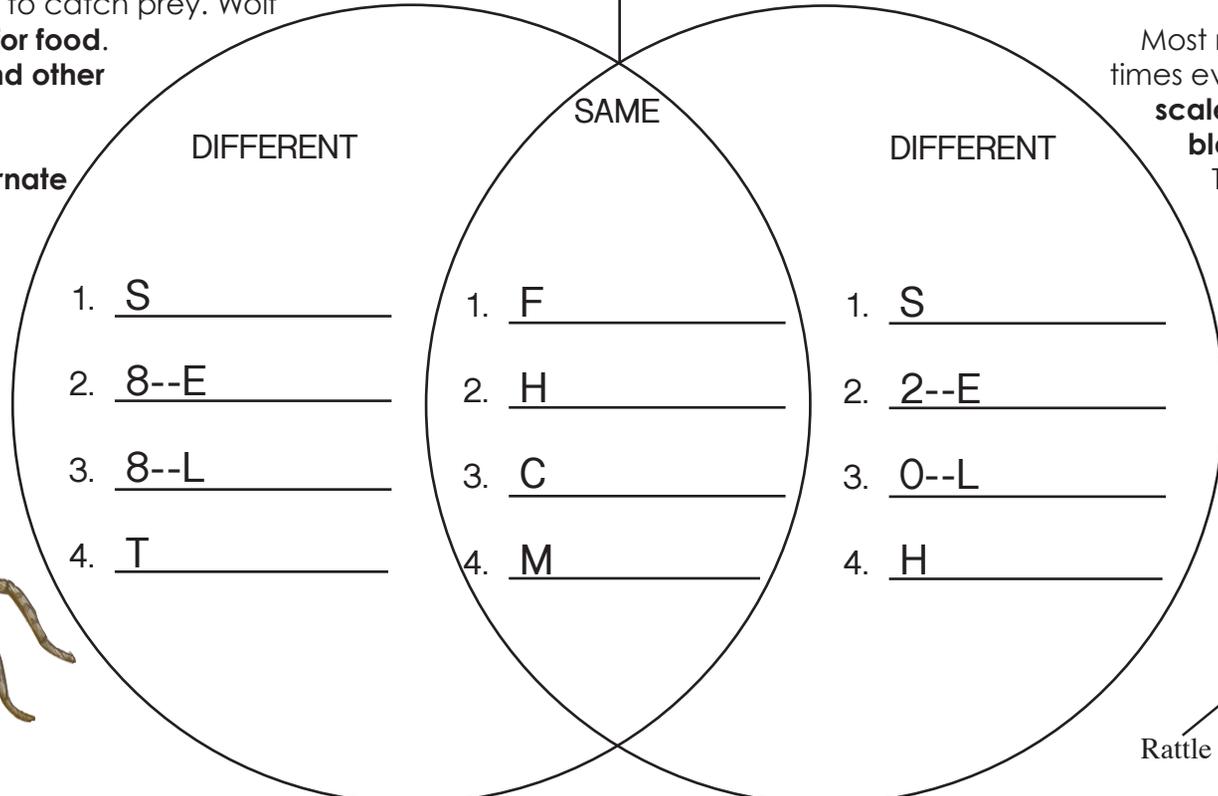
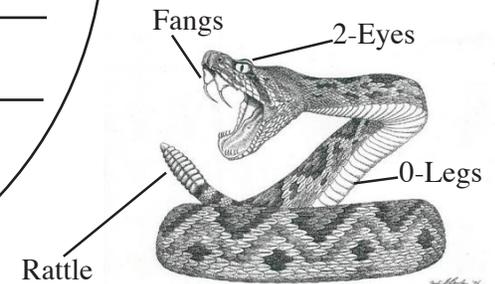
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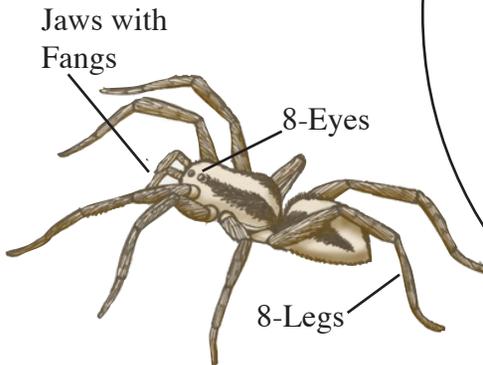
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