



Millipedes vs Centipedes

Millipedes		Centipedes
<p>The biggest number of legs found on a millipede is 750. The average is about 300 legs.</p>	<p>How many legs do they have?</p>	<p>The biggest number of legs found on a centipede is 344. The average is about 180 legs.</p>
<p>Two</p>	<p>How many pairs of legs do they have on each segment?</p>	<p>One</p>
<p>Millipedes are found all over the world. The only place they are not found is Antarctica.</p>	<p>Where are they found?</p>	<p>Centipedes are found all over the world. The only place they are not found is Antarctica.</p>
<p>The giant African millipede can grow up to 38cm long.</p>	<p>What is the longest species?</p>	<p>The Peruvian giant yellow-leg centipede can grow up to 26cm long.</p>
<p>The bristly millipede is only 3mm long.</p>	<p>What is the shortest species?</p>	<p>Hoffman's dwarf centipede is just over 1cm long.</p>
<p>Millipedes are detritivores. This means that they eat rotting wood and plants.</p>	<p>What do they eat?</p>	<p>Centipedes are carnivores. They eat other insects. The biggest centipedes can eat lizards and mice.</p>
<p>Millipedes have very tough cases. They can spray a horrible liquid. This puts most animals off eating them.</p>	<p>How do they defend themselves?</p>	<p>Centipedes have sharp jaws. They are venomous. Their sharp pincers can injure other animals.</p>

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. Which animal can grow up to 38cm long?
2. What do centipedes eat?
3. Which animal has sharp jaws?
4. What is the biggest species of centipede called?
5. Where are both centipedes and millipedes not found?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

V

What does the word **detritivore** mean?

P

Why do you think centipedes have sharp jaws?

I

Are millipedes or centipedes most likely to have the most legs?

I

Why does the horrible liquid stop other animals eating millipedes?

Answers

1. Millipedes
2. Other insects, lizards and mice
3. Centipedes
4. Peruvian giant yellow-legged
5. Antarctica

V: They eat rotting wood and plants

P: To eat their prey and defend themselves

I: Millipedes

I- It makes them taste horrible or scares them