**Daddy Long Legs**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the article. Answer the questions.

Did you know that the Daddy Long Legs is not a spider, or even an insect at all? Like a spider it is an arachnid, but the Daddy Long Legs is part of a different class called of arachnids called Harvestmen. Unlike spiders, Harvestmen have three body sections (spiders have two) and their legs have seven sections. These legs can break off to startle or confuse a predator. According to fossil records, Harvestmen have been around for 400 million years, and they have evolved in some really weird and fascinating ways. For one thing, they can breathe through their legs! They have spiracles (tiny holes for breathing) on their fourth pair of legs. At least twelve species of Harvestmen are parthenogenetic (par-then-o-gen-e-tic), which means that the females lay eggs that produce only females. And Harvestmen like to hang out in big groups. The largest group of Harvestmen ever discovered was composed of 70,000 Harvestmen on a single cactus plant! Though they may be a little creepy, they are not poisonous. The biggest Harvestmen ever discovered had a thirteen-inch leg span, bigger than the ruler that you probably use in school! Harvestmen have also been immortalized in art. The famous painter Salvador Dali included Harvestmen in his painting called “Daddy Longlegs of the Evening”.

Circle the correct answer.

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<td>2. Harvestmen have the same number of body parts as spiders.</td>
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<td>6. The largest Harvestmen ever found had a leg span of 13 inches.</td>
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<td>7. The famous artist Salvador Dali was afraid of spiders.</td>
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