

Lesson 8

READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

The Centipede

A centipede is an insect that lives throughout the United States. They aren't dangerous, but most people think they're an abysmal pest. Even a small centipede can give you a painful bite. That's his way of protecting himself.

People thought centipedes had one hundred legs because they move like a dynamo. They have astonishing speed.

But when a centipede is a baby, he has only seven pairs of legs. He grows by adding segments to his body. A segment has one pair of legs. An adult centipede has fifteen segments, so he has only 44 legs.