

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE



Lesson Plan



Difference Diagram

Lesson Plan for *Tarantulas*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students use a Venn diagram to show similarities and differences between two texts about tarantulas.

Things Needed

- Copies of the *Tarantulas* book or ebook for all students
- Access to the “Tarantulas” web page on the Pop! website:
<https://popbooksonline.com/desert-animals/tarantulas>
- Difference Diagram worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Print out a worksheet for each student, or email the worksheet to students. Have all students open the “Tarantulas” web page, choose the “Explore Links” tab, and click the link for the San Diego Zoo Kids article, “Tarantula: Super Spiders.” This article can also be found here: <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/tarantula>

Activity

Read through both the *Tarantulas* book and the online article as a class. Then ask students to fill out the Difference Diagram worksheet. Explain that the shape on the worksheet is a Venn diagram. A Venn diagram is two circles that overlap. It’s used to compare two things or ideas. It shows how those things are similar and different. Today, students will compare the information in the *Tarantulas* book with the information they read online.

In the circle labeled “Book,” students should write three facts that are found only in the book. In the circle labeled “Website,” students should write three facts found only in the online article. In the middle where the circles overlap, students should write three facts that appear in both sources. Students can go back and read the book and the website again if they get stuck.



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Evaluation

Give students 3 points for each section they fill out correctly, for a total of 9 points.
Note: There are more than three possible answers for each section. Some sample answers are listed on the attached answer key.

Standards

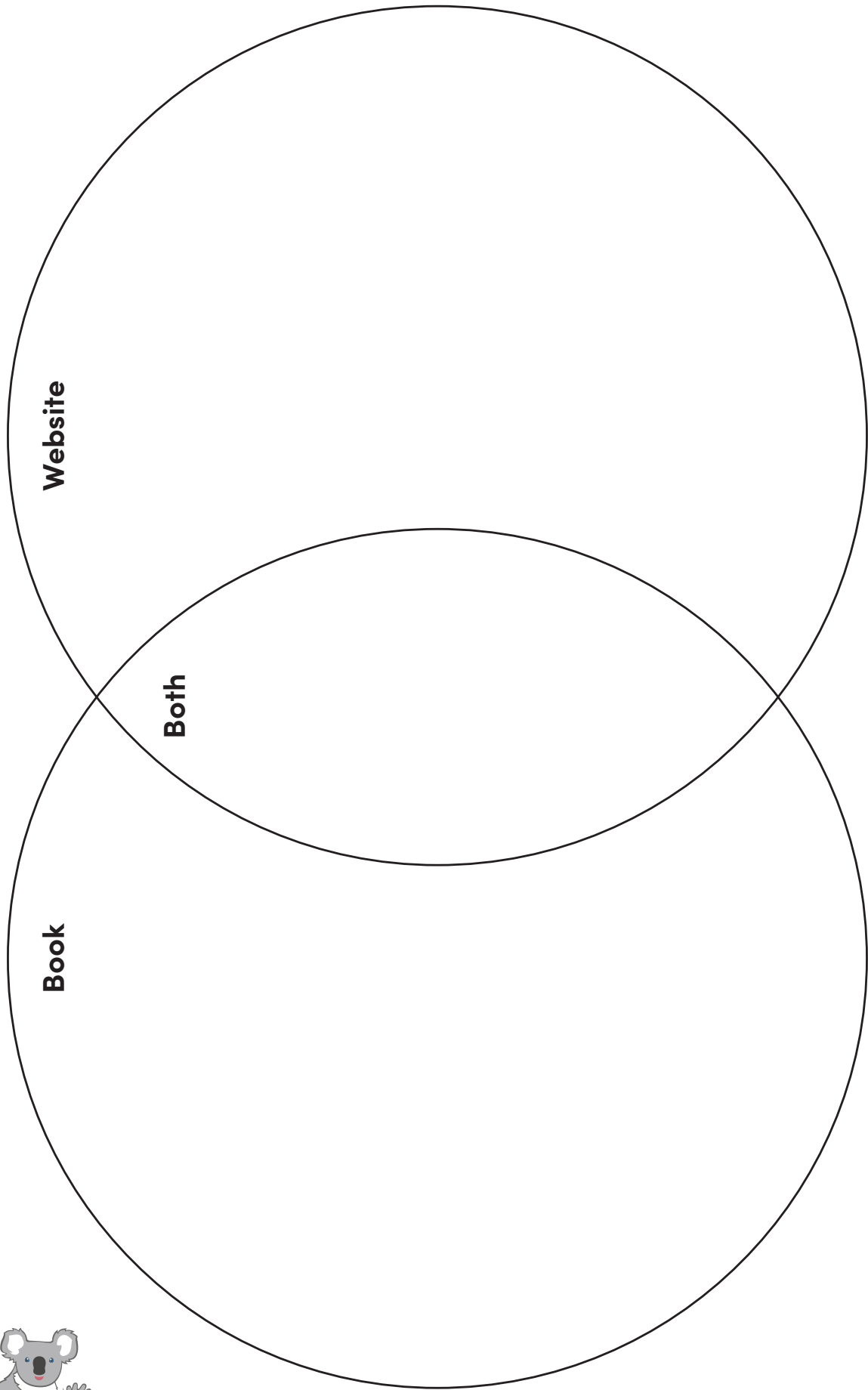
This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.3).



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Difference Diagram



Difference Diagram Answer Key

