Spider Vocabulary

Arachnids The class of animals spiders belong to; arachnids

are animals that have an exoskeleton, a two-part segmented body, and eight jointed legs; they are

cold-blooded and do not have a backbone.

Abdomen A section of the spider's body that contains the

guts, heart, silk glands, and reproductive glands.

Cephalothorax A section of the spider's body that contains the legs, eyes, and

mouthparts.

Pedicel The spider's waist, which connects the cephalothorax and the

abdomen

Pedipalps Two sensory feelers that look like very short legs; also called palps.

Spinnerets Where the spider's silk is located.

