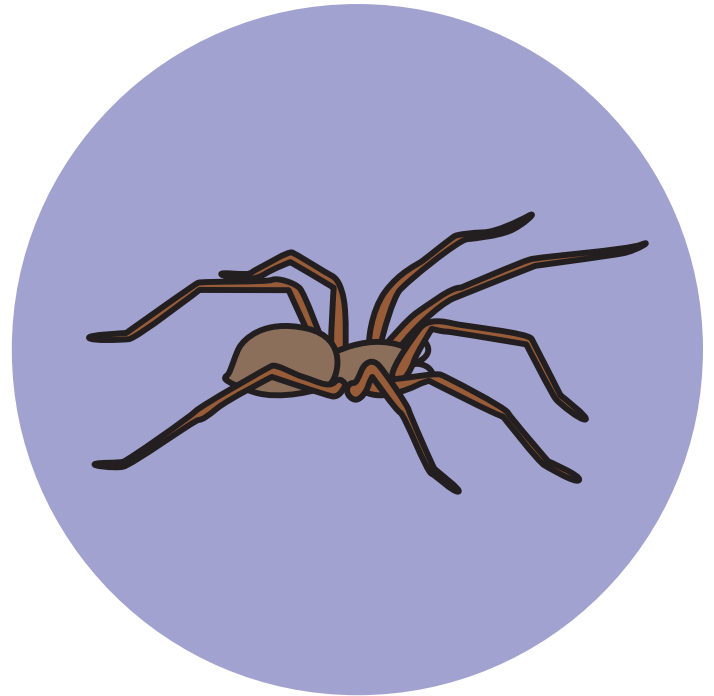


Spiders

Pre-Reading



A. Warm-Up Questions

- 1 Do you like to catch spiders?
- 2 What are spiderwebs made from?
- 3 Do spiders really bite?
- 4 What do you think spiders like to eat?

B. Vocabulary Preview

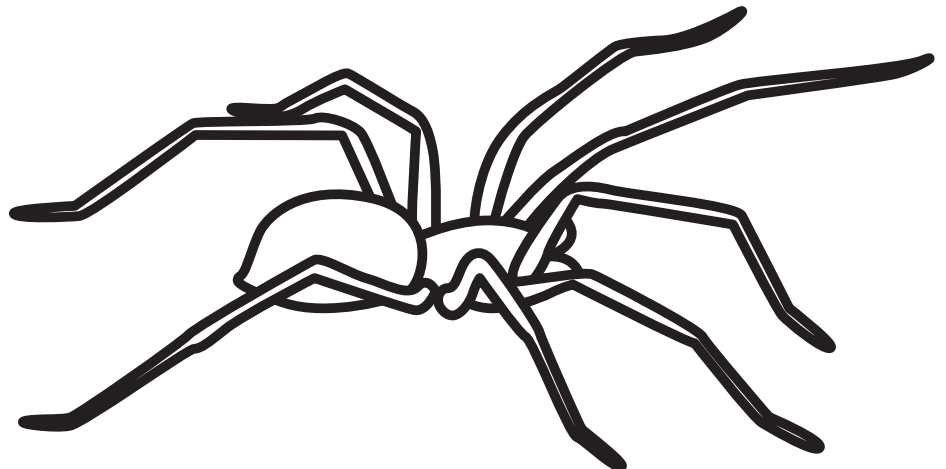
Match up as many words and meanings as you can.
Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

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| _____ 1 separate (<i>adj</i>) | Ⓐ a breeding partner |
| _____ 2 mate | Ⓑ not shared |
| _____ 3 pretend | Ⓒ not liking many things |
| _____ 4 picky | Ⓓ to act in a way that is not really true |
| _____ 5 chew | Ⓔ to use teeth to make food into smaller pieces |

Reading

Spiders

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- 2** Did you know that spiders eat their webs, too? A spiderweb is made of silk. It has protein that spiders need. When a web gets old, a spider eats it and spins a new one.
- 3** You rarely see a spider in its web. Spiders like to hide and **pretend** they aren't home. They come out when their web catches a bug.
- 4** Spiders bite, but they can't **chew**. First, they poison their prey. Then they suck up the bug juice. Did you know spiders are **picky** eaters? They let some bugs go free because they don't like the taste of them.



Comprehension

Discuss these questions in pairs, and write the answers below.

1 Why is it a good idea to collect spiders in separate jars?

2 What do spiders eat besides bugs?

3 Why don't spiders stay in their webs?

4 How do spiders eat?

5 Why do spiders let some bugs run away?

Bonus Question

Which bug do you think tastes bad to a spider?

a ladybug

a fly

a grasshopper

a bee

Practice

A. Matchup

Draw a line between the matching words and their opposites.

Words

- 1 separate
- 2 catch
- 3 female
- 4 sometimes
- 5 hide

Opposites

- a let go
- b always
- c male
- d together
- e come out

B. Crossword

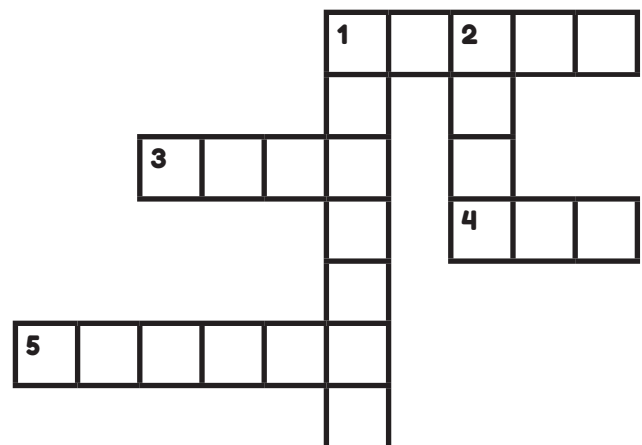
Read the clues and fill in the puzzle.

Across

- 1 Spiders don't eat all bugs because they are ____ eaters.
- 3 A female spider sometimes eats her ____ .
- 4 a spider's home
- 5 something that causes illness or death

Down

- 1 act in a way that is not really true
- 2 make into smaller pieces with teeth



Listening

Listen to a recording of this reading.

Fill in the gaps. Listen again and check your answers.

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