

The Spider-Man of Paris

Mamoudou Gassama was an **ordinary** 22-year-old Parisian man who never **disturbed** anyone.

Then, on May 26, 2018, he became a **real-life** hero.

Mamoudou had been walking on the street when he **suddenly** saw a 4-year-old boy **hanging** from a fourth-floor **balcony**. The poor boy **lacked** the **strength** to pull himself to safety. **Immediately**, Mamoudou climbed up the side of the building. Within 30 seconds, he had **reached** the balcony where the child was hanging. **Courageously**, Mamoudou lifted the boy to safety while holding onto the building with his other hand. **Bystanders** began filming the action on their smartphones right after it had started. Soon after, the video was on the internet. People began calling Mamoudou the Spider-Man of Paris after they had seen the video. He was even given an award by the French **president** and **offered** a job with the fire service.

That day, Mamoudou hadn't planned on **becoming** a hero, but in the end he really was the Spider-Man of Paris.

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Comprehension

Directions: Circle true or false.

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| 1. It took Mamoudou 30 seconds to reach the boy. | true | false |
| 2. The French president uploaded Mamoudou's video to the internet. | true | false |
| 3. Mamoudou Gassama was offered a job after the rescue | true | false |

Directions: Circle the answer

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| 1. Why is Mamoudou Gassama known as the Spider-Man of Paris? | 2. What was Mamoudou given after he had rescued the boy? |
| a. He could hang off the side of buildings. | a. an award |
| b. He quickly climbed up part of a building. | b. a job offer |
| c. He climbed an entire building. | c. an award and job offer |