The Spider and the Fly

A. Read the following lines from the poem and answer the questions in a sentence or two.

1. "The way into my parlour is up a winding stair,

And I've many curious things to show when you are there "

(a). How to reach the spider's parlour?

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(b). What will the fly get to see in the parlour?

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2. “Oh no, no, ” said the little Fly, “kind Sir, that cannot be,
I’ve heard what 's in your pantry, and I do not wish to see! ”

(a). Is the fly willing to enter the spider’s pantry?

(b). Can you guess what was in the pantry?

3. "Sweet creature! " said the Spider, "You 're witty and you're wise,
How handsome are your gauzy wings, how brilliant are your eyes!"

(a). List the words used by the spider to describe the fly.

(b). Why does the spider say that the fly is witty?

4. With buzzy wings she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew,
Thinking only of her brilliant eyes, and green and purple hue-

(a). Who does " she " refer to?

(b). What was " she " thinking of?

5. And now dear little children, who may this story read,
To idle, silly flattering words, I pray you ne 'er give heed:

(a). Who does 'I' refer to?

(b). What is the advice given to the readers?