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Spiders

There are more than 30,000 different kinds of spiders in the world! Every spider has eight legs and eight eyes, and two sections of their body: the cephalothorax (sef-uh-lo-thor-ax) and abdomen. One of the most interesting things about spiders is the webs they build. They use sticky silk threads from spinnerets to spin their webs. Insects get trapped in the webs, the spider wraps it in more silk, and then the spider is able to use their fangs to kill the insect and eat it. Many webs are circular and catch flying insects, but some spiders also weave webs on the ground to catch crawling insects.

Dew shines on a spiderweb

1. How many different types of spiders are there?

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2. What is the author's purpose for writing this text?

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3. What are the two parts of a spider's body?

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4. What do spiders use to spin their webs?

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