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BLACK WIDOW

What spider has a red spot that means poison? The black widow.

The female black widow is black and shiny. She has a red spot. The male black widow is smaller. He is dark brown with a yellow spot.

Black widows are poisonous. They catch insects in their webs. Then, they sting them and eat them.

The bite of a black widow can hurt people. Some get very sick. A few die.

Black widows have many babies. Females live a long time. Males do not. Sometimes the females eat the males.

If you see a red spot on a black spider, be careful!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Which statement is **true?**

- a. The male black widow lives longer than the female.
- b. The female black widow has a red spot.
- c. The male black widow has a red spot.
- d. The female black widow doesn't live long.

2. How do black widows catch food?

- a. They go fishing.
- b. They hold out their hands.
- c. They use a catcher's mitt.
- d. They build webs.

3. What could happen if a black widow bites you?

- a. You could get sick.
- b. You could turn black.
- c. You could eat insects.
- d. You could make a web.

4. What should you do if you see a black widow?

- a. walk away
- b. pick it up
- c. eat it
- d. touch it with your finger



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GIRAFFE

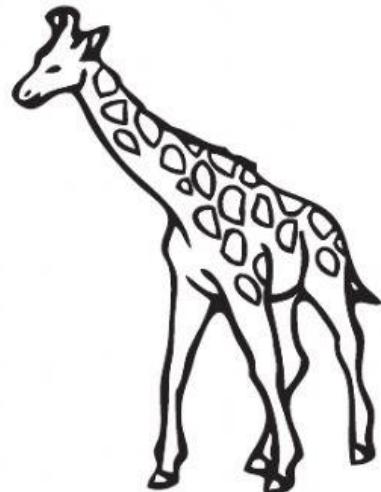
The giraffe is famous for its long neck. We also know it because of its spots.

Wild giraffes live in Africa. They are very tall. They eat leaves high up in trees.

The giraffe has a long, sticky tongue. It uses its tongue to clean bugs off its face. It also has a big heart. A giraffe's heart can weigh 24 pounds!

Giraffes can run fast. They kick with strong legs. They need only an hour of sleep each day.

You can see giraffes in the zoo. You can also see them on a trip to Africa.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. The giraffe is famous for . . .
 - a. its long nose.
 - b. its short neck.
 - c. its long tail.
 - d. its long neck.

2. The giraffe uses its tongue to . . .
 - a. eat ants off leaves.
 - b. clean bugs off its face.
 - c. clean its tail.
 - d. run fast.

3. How can a giraffe hurt its enemy?
 - a. It can lick enemies in the face.
 - b. It can run away.
 - c. It can climb trees.
 - d. It can kick enemies with strong legs.

4. Where can you see giraffes?
 - a. in a zoo
 - b. in Texas
 - c. in the mall
 - d. in bed