

# 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,**

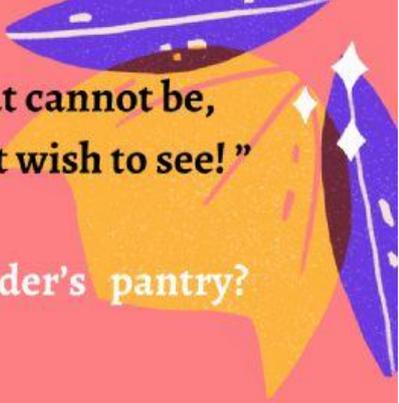
**And I’ve many curious things to show when you are there ”**

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

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

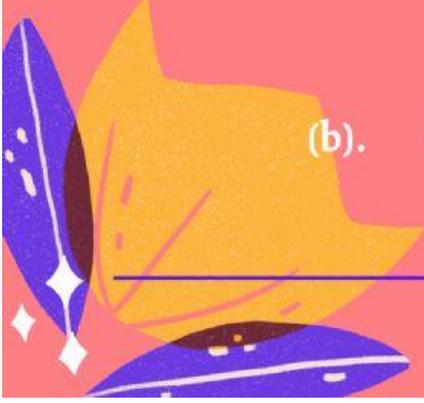
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2. “Oh no, no,” said the little Fly, “kind Sir, that cannot be, I’ve heard what 's in your pantry, and I do not wish to see!”

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

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

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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.

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

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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?

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

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**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?

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

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