

Spiders

Comprehension

Read the passage.



Spiders are relatives of insects but they are different because they have eight legs while insects have six.

There are many varieties of spiders. Some can live in the heat of the tropics while others can survive the cold of the Polar Regions.

Some spiders build webs to catch their prey while others, for example the wolf spiders, can pursue their prey on the ground over long distances. Scientists have found that the ground spider can travel over three hundred kilometers in its lifetime.

A spider can kill its victim in two ways. It can produce a sticky substance to over-power them or it can inject poison into its prey. Fortunately, spiders usually cannot harm human beings because the poison is very weak.

The largest spider is the bird-eating spider of South America. It can have a leg span of twenty-five centimeters. The smallest is the Patu Marplei, which is only half the size of this full stop.

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Answer these questions.

A. Look at the numbered words. What do they refer to?

1. they - _____
2. their - _____
3. their - _____
4. It - _____
5. It - _____

B. Choose the correct answer and fill in the blanks.

6. build means _____
a. buy
b. sell
c. make
d. destroy
7. pursue means _____
a. eat
b. chase
c. attack
d. see
8. produce means _____
a. give
b. give in
c. give out
d. give up
9. fortunately means _____
a. unluckily
b. suddenly
c. luckily
d. firstly
10. largest means _____
a. smallest
b. biggest
c. prettiest
d. ugliest

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C. Answer these questions in complete sentences.

11. Why are spiders different from insects?

12. How far can a ground spider travel?

13. How many ways can a spider kill its victim?

14. Can a spider harm human beings?

15. Which is the smallest spider?

Cloze Passage



Fill in the blank using each word from the box.

sticky	male	eight	eat	largest
live	trap	baby	water	strongest

The Spider

The spider has 1. _____ legs. It can spin a web which they use to 2. _____ other insects. This web is made of silk, and it is 3. _____. The spider will 4. _____ the insects which get stuck in the web. Did you know that this silk is one of the 5. _____ materials in the world?

Spiders 6. _____ on every continent except Antarctica. Only a few spiders can live in 7. _____. Most spiders have four sets of eyes, that's eight eyes altogether! Very often, the female spider is bigger than the 8. _____ spider. The female spider lays up to 3000 eggs from which 9. _____ spiders hatch.

The 10. _____ spider in the world is called the Giant Bird Eating Spider. The most poisonous spider is called the Banana Spider. A spider's blood is light