

Read and circle the right answer. An example is given.

aggressive — beneficial — crucial — decay — disgusting  
ecosystem — poisonous



A lot of people fear spiders, because of their unusual (1)\_\_\_\_\_ appearance and number of legs. They enter homes and some bite, some are (2)\_\_\_\_\_ and can harm or even kill humans, if they are (3)\_\_\_\_\_. But there are around 40,000 different spider species worldwide, and only around 30 are harmful to humans. Furthermore, they are more likely to escape from humans than attack. They are extremely (4)\_\_\_\_\_ and work hard to keep the numbers of other insects, such as cockroaches, mosquitoes and flies down, which is extremely (5)\_\_\_\_\_ to the (6)\_\_\_\_\_. And if they are left alone, spiders can help limit the spread of disease by some of these insects. Spiders are also an effective defence against creatures that harm plants like moths and beetles. They help to keep insect numbers under control. For example, Dror Hawken from Yale University has found that spiders cause changes in grasshoppers' bodies. In an experiment, he showed that the fear could extend to the very soil affecting how quickly leaf litter