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Spiders: Amazing Web Weavers

Spiders are fascinating creatures that you can find almost everywhere! They are not insects; they are arachnids. All arachnids have eight legs, while insects have only six. Spiders also have two main body parts, and most have eight eyes!

Many spiders are famous for spinning silk webs. They make this strong, sticky silk inside their bodies. They use the webs to catch their food, like flies and mosquitoes. When an insect gets stuck, the spider feels the web vibrate and hurries over for its meal. Not all spiders make webs to catch food. Some, like the wolf spider, run fast and hunt for their prey on the ground.

Spiders are very helpful to people because they eat many pesky insects. The next time you see a delicate spider web, remember what an amazing and helpful creature made it!



1. How is a spider different from an insect?

- a) A spider has wings.
- b) A spider has eight legs.
- c) A spider can make silk.
- d) A spider eats insects.

2. How does a spider that builds a web know when it has caught food? Explain the process.
