

### About Arachnids

#### What Do You Think?

Before you read

Before you read about arachnids, answer these questions. In the "Me" column, put a check if you think the idea is right. Put an X if you don't think the idea is right. Then meet with a group of friends to see how they answered. If most of the group agree with the statement, put a check in the "My Group" column. If most disagree, put an X. After you read, check the columns labeled "The Book" to see if the author agrees or disagrees. Then decide: has the book changed what you thought?

Me	My Group	The Book

#### Before and After Reading

- All arachnids are mean and dangerous to humans.
- Spider webs are only good for helping spiders catch food.
- Chiggers are spiders that bite people.
- Spiders can make silk balloons to help them travel.
- Arachnids are good mothers.
- All arachnids are ugly.
- Most arachnids make good pets.
- Many arachnids eat bad bugs.
- All arachnids can hunt my garden plants.
- Some spiders carry their babies around on their backs.

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Anticipation Guide  
Math Questions

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#### Creepy Crosswords

**ACROSS CLUES:**

- Arachnids eat smaller \_\_\_\_\_.
- Arachnids have \_\_\_\_\_ body parts.
- Some have a poisonous \_\_\_\_\_.
- Most arachnids are \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN CLUES:**

- Arachnids sometimes use silk to protect their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Arachnids have \_\_\_\_\_ legs.
- Most arachnids live on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some suck \_\_\_\_\_ from larger animals.
- Some arachnids have pincers and a \_\_\_\_\_ for protection.
- Many arachnids make webs out of \_\_\_\_\_.

Word Bank: eye, blood, eight, silk, sand, hairy, arachnid, tick, mite, spider

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Crossword Puzzle  
Logic Puzzle

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#### Which One?

Which of these is an arachnid? Put an X on the box that tells whether it is or is not an arachnid.

	<input type="checkbox"/> This is an arachnid.	I know because _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	This is NOT an arachnid.	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> This is an arachnid.	I know because _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	This is NOT an arachnid.	_____
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#### Creepy Math

Wow! Arachnids follow a three-step life cycle called "spider-in-a-jug" to eat their food enemies.

- How many legs do 4 arachnids have?
- If a spider can eat two fruit flies in a hour, how many flies can it eat in 30 minutes?
- Seven scorpions and thirteen spiders were in a log. How many more spiders were there than scorpions?
- How many pincers do 6 scorpions have?

Arachnids in My Yard

spiders	
ticks	
mites	
scorpions	

Each picture stands for 2 arachnids.

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#### Hiding Places

A scorpion, a spider, a tick, and a mite are all hiding on your playground. Use these clues to help you find where each arachnid is hiding.

- The spider has built a web under a thing that doesn't move.
- The mite is not on the swings or the walk-over.
- Chains get in the scorpion's way when he tries to climb.
- The tick keeps trying to get on a kid climbing bars.

	Scorpion	Spider	Tick	Mite
see saws				
swings				
slide				
walk-over				

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Draw a Spider

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#### Creepy Litch

It's bedtime. Pick up your pencil.

Find the spider.

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Write a Story

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#### Puppets

Make an arachnid puppet by using an old black sock and pipe cleaners for the legs. Glue felt pieces on for mouth and body spots and stripes. Have students' arachnids talk with each other about their lives to reinforce learning.

Become an Arachnid Zoo Keeper

Studying real live arachnids will create lasting memories and an rich learning opportunities. Make an inviting habitat for a spider or other arachnid. Read about its needs. Be sure you provide food, water, and other things you learn your arachnid's needs. Keep a daily log of its activities. Draw pictures. Take photographs!

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#### Draw a Spider

Draw a picture of a spider. Follow the rubric at the bottom to help you put on all of its parts.

Check My Drawing

- My spider has eight legs, four on each side.
- My spider has two body parts.
- My spider makes a silk web.
- My spider is eating an insect.
- My spider has a mouth in front.

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#### Planning a Story

Have you ever had a spider or scorpion in your house? What did it look like? How did it make you feel? Write a story about the day you found an arachnid. In the plan, just write words and phrases to help you get your ideas organized.

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