

2nd Grade Reading: All About Spiders (Nonfiction) - Answer Key

2nd Grade - nonfiction comprehension and main idea | 15 minutes

Read the passage:

Many people think spiders are insects, but they are not. Insects have six legs, and spiders have eight. A spider's body has two main parts, while an insect's body has three. Most spiders spin silk from their bodies. They use the silk to build webs that trap insects to eat. The silk is thin but very strong. Spiders are helpful because they eat bugs like flies and mosquitoes. Not all spiders build webs, though. Some, like jumping spiders, sneak up and pounce on their food. Spiders live almost everywhere on Earth, from forests to deserts to gardens.

Read the passage. Then answer each question in a complete sentence using the text.

1. How many legs does a spider have?

Answer: Eight legs.

2. How is a spider different from an insect?

Answer: Spiders have 8 legs and 2 body parts; insects have 6 legs and 3 body parts.

3. What do spiders use silk for?

Answer: To build webs that trap insects to eat.

4. How do jumping spiders catch food?

Answer: They sneak up and pounce on it.

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

Answer: Spiders are not insects and have special features and habits. (Sample answer.)

Challenge

6. Why does the passage say spiders are helpful?

Answer: Because they eat bugs like flies and mosquitoes.