

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 think?

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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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:
fly, blood, eight, silk, sand, help, insects, ticks, legs, stings

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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.

This is an arachnid. This is NOT an arachnid. I know because _____

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Anticipation Guide
Math Questions

Crossword Puzzle
Logic Puzzle

Arachnid I.D.
Spiderweb Maze

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Creepy Math

Wow! Scorpions believe in their way for this outdoor spider to try to see what it could eat.

- 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 column stands for 1 arachnid.

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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 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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Creepy Maze

Draw a path to the spider without taking up your pencil.

Find the spider.

Start Here

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Art: Make a Puppet

Draw a Spider

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.

TIP: _____

What you were doing before you found it... → What it looked like...
 Where you found it... → How it made you feel...
 What it was doing... → What you did first...
 The only problem was... → In the end, what happened to it...
 What you did next... → What you learned...
 What you hope...

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Arachnid!

Draw a picture of what the spider looked like and where it was. Add details about it using things you learned. Then use your plan to help you tell a story about your first arachnid. Keep your words and phrases on a separate sheet of paper.

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