
All about Spiders

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Spiders ... why so scary?

- Spiders are a minibeast called arachnids and part of the arthropods family, that a lot of people are scared of.
- Spiders have been around for nearly 380 million years.
- There are over 40,000 different types of spiders.
- The fear of spiders is called arachnophobia.
- Millions of people suffer from it.



Spider's Body

Spiders have:

- **8 legs**
- **2 body parts, cephalothorax and abdomen**
- **no wings or antennae**
- **fangs**
- **spinnerets**
- **6 to 8 simple eyes with one lense each, but poor eyesight**



Spider's Silk

- Spiders produce silk from their abdomen.
- Their silk is more resistant than steel wire of the same thickness.
- Spiders use silk to make webs but their silk also makes kites, slingshots, submarines and more!



Spider's Web

- Spiders use their webs to hunt and trap insects to eat. As spiders cannot chew, they swallow their prey by liquidating them and then sucking them in like a straw!
- Spiders use their webs to cocoon their eggs.
- Spiders use their webs to travel and can glide with the help of the wind.
- Spiders replace their webs everyday.
- Some say orb-weaver spiders weave the nicest webs. I agree! Just watch “Charlotte’s Web”, my favourite spider movie 😊 .



Spiders are your friend

- They hunt insects.
- They are shy.
- They rarely bite.
- You can outrun them easily.
- Spider webs are beautiful.

