

The Web the Spider Built

An adaptation of an old 'chain tale' story that repeats words and actions in sentences that build upon the sentence before. Find 80 Letter S,s; find the word, Spider, spider - 9 times. "Gnat", a tiny insect pronounced 'nat', silent G.

Strong were the threads of the web that the **S**pider built.

Splatt! went the Gnat that **s**tuck in the threads of the web that the **S**pider built.

Soon came a Fly that **s**natched the Gnat that was **s**tuck in the threads of the web that the **S**pider built.

Sad for the Fly, a Frog hopped by, and **s**wallowed the Fly that **s**natched the Gnat that was **s**tuck in the threads of the web that the **S**pider built.

Spot, the Dog, **s**eized the Frog that **s**wallowed the Fly that **s**natched the Gnat that was **s**tuck in the threads of the web that the **S**pider built.

Sinister **S**am, the neighborhood **S**kunk, **s**prayed the Dog that **s**eized the Frog that **s**wallowed the Fly that **s**natched the Gnat that was **s**tuck in the threads of the web that the **S**pider built.

Sydney, the **S**nake, bit the **S**kunk that **s**prayed the Dog that **s**eized the Frog that **s**wallowed the Fly that **s**natched the Gnat that was **s**tuck in the threads of the web that the **S**pider built.

Susan, the girl, **saw** the **Snake** that bit the **Skunk** that **sprayed** the **Dog** that **seized** the **Frog** that **swallowed** the **Fly** that **snatched** the **Gnat** that was **stuck** in the **threads** of the web that the **Spider** built.

Susan's mother saved the girl that **saw** the **Snake**. **She** chased the **snake** away with a rake.

She ran off the **skunk**, locked up the **dog**, and let loose the **frog** that **swallowed** the **fly** that **snatched** the **Gnat** that was **stuck** in the **threads** of the web that the **Spider** built.

THE END



TRY THIS!

The Familiar Old Rhyme for Children

Finger and Arm Actions

Isty Bitsy Spider

The Isty Bitsy Spider went up the waterspout. *(press, walk thumbs/ fingers together one by one)*

Out came the rain and washed the Spider out. *(raise arms high then drop arms down for rain)*

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain. *(make arms a circle over head for sun)*

And the Isty Bitsy Spider went up the spout again. *(repeat the first line instructions.)*

Did You Know?

- There are 40,000 species of spiders around the world
- All spiders will bite, but only 25 species of spiders have harmful venom (poison)
- The 'black-widow' and 'brown recluse' in the U.S. have dangerous venom
- The Funnel Web spider of Eastern Australia is the most venomous
- The Goliath Birdeater tarantula spider is the biggest (legs 12 inches, South America)
- All spiders can spin webs of silk, but not all spiders do spin webs
(the Jumping Spider just jumps on its prey)
- A baby spider is called a 'spiderling'
- Spiders can spin 200 yards of silk in a day.
- Spiders can spin a web in 30-60 minutes
- There are seven different kinds of silk that a spider can make (sticky and non-sticky)
- Spiders are not insects; they are Arachnids (eight legs in family of scorpions, ticks)
- Arachnophobia is an extreme fear of spiders
- Without spiders to eat mosquitoes, flies, and beetles, the insects would overrun the world!

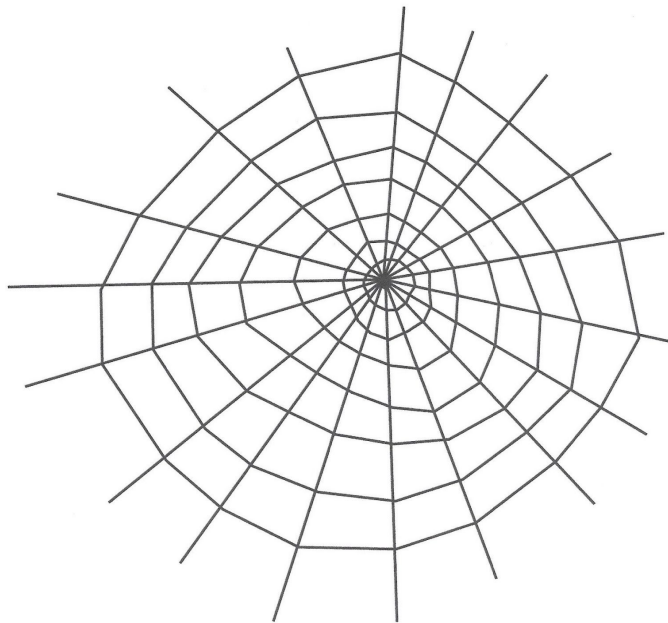
True/False Quiz

Find the answers in the story.

1. The Spider built a strong web.
2. The Gnat got stuck in the web.
3. The Fly got the Gnat.
4. The Frog got the Fly.
5. The Dog got the Frog.
6. The Skunk got the Dog.
7. The Snake got the Skunk.
8. The Girl saw the Snake.
9. The Mother solved the problem.
10. The Spider never did get the Gnat.

How to Draw a Spider Web

Practice by tracing the sample spider web. Now draw your own web. 1. Make a large dot in the center of the page. 2. Draw lines from the dot. Draw 'concentric' circle lines to make the web.



1. Trace the Spider Web lines. Start with the long lines from the spider. Then trace the 'scoop' lines, starting from the outside of the web. 2. Color the spider any color. 3. Glue on pom-pom balls and googly eyes.

