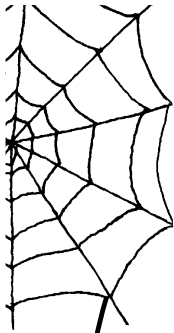




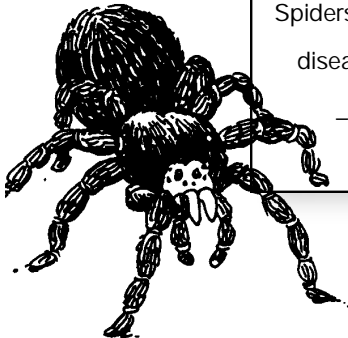
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spiders may be a little scary—but they are also amazing creatures that play an important role in the cycle of life. Begin your CyberHunt at [WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/CYBERHUNKIDS](http://WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/CYBERHUNKIDS). Write your answers below.



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# SPOOKY SPIDERS



1. Although they creep and crawl, spiders aren't insects. Spiders are actually a type of animal called *arachnid*. Insects have six legs. How many legs do spiders have? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Spiders are fierce predators. They have two piercing \_\_\_\_\_ that they use to inject their prey with a poison called *venom*. Then they crush their prey and drink its juices.

3. Spiders have been around since before dinosaurs! They live on every continent except \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, scientists have documented 36,000 different species of spiders.

4. The smallest spider in the world is only as big as the head of a pin! What is it called? \_\_\_\_\_

5. The largest spider in the world is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ called the *Goliath Birdeater*. It lives in South America. Despite its name, this spider doesn't eat birds, but feasts on crickets, mealworms, lizards, and even mice!

6. A spider's body is filled with blood. This blood helps keep its legs stiff so the spider can walk. What color is it? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Underneath spiders' abdomens are \_\_\_\_\_, special glands where they produce the silk to use for their webs and to catch insects.

8. Some spiders use their silk to travel through the air on one long silk string. This is called *ballooning*. Another kind of spider can walk on water! It is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Although many people are afraid of spiders, there are actually only two kinds of American spiders considered dangerous to humans. Both rarely attack humans and prefer to live in dark, dry places. Name these spiders. \_\_\_\_\_

### BONUS:

Spiders benefit humans in a lot of ways, including greatly reducing the population of disease-carrying insects that can harm us. Name two other ways spiders are beneficial.

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