All About Spiders

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Level 22

Running Words 675 **Text Type** Information Report (Informative)

Curriculum Area Science

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the information report in his or her own words. Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why are spiderwebs easy to see after it has been raining?
2 How does the Tarantula Spider protect itself?
3 Which Redback Spider is dangerous?

Inferential

4 Why are spiders not found in Antarctica?
5 Why do insects get caught in spiderwebs?
6 Why do many insects live in gardens?
7 Why does the Orb-weaver Spider sit in the middle of its web to wait for prey?
8 Why doesn't the Wolf Spider make a web?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why are spiders not insects?
10 Why are spiders special creatures?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

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Level 22	Book	Information Report	*Working Dogs*
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What Are Spiders?

Spiders are animals.
They are found in many different places all over the world.







Spiders live in deserts, mountains and even in water.
The only place spiders do not live is in Antarctica.



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The Parts of a Spider

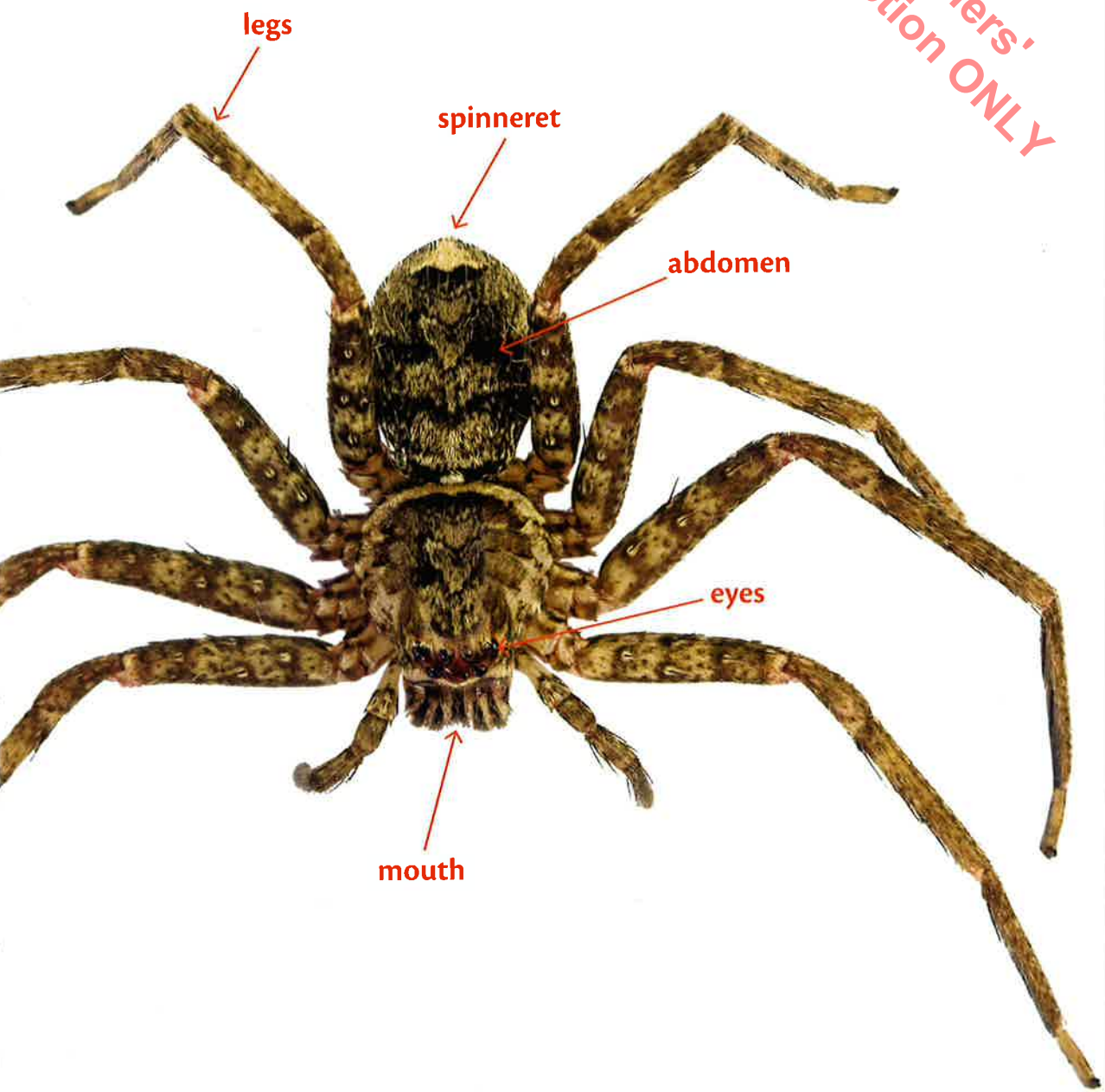
A spider has two main body parts:
a front part and a rear part.

On the front part of a spider's body
there are eyes, a mouth and **fangs**.
A spider also has eight long legs
on this part of its body.
The legs are covered with tiny hairs
that help the spider to cling to walls and ceilings.

The rear part of the spider is called the abdomen.
At the end of the abdomen is the **spinneret**.
A spider spins silk from the spinneret to make its web.



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What Spiders Eat

Most spiders eat insects.
Larger spiders also eat small frogs, lizards, fish, mice and even birds!



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A spider has two big fangs filled with poison.

Some spiders even eat other spiders.
Spiders have fangs that they use to bite their prey.
The **poison** in their fangs stops the prey from moving.