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## Spiders and scorpions

Spiders, scorpions, mites and ticks—we are *S*arachnids, *not* insects. We have four pairs of legs, rather than three. We cannot fly, although some of us can jump. We are mostly meat-eaters, and quite a few of us are venomous, too. But don't be frightened. We're really quite fascinating creatures ...

# How do spiders spin their webs?

**W**e spiders are great spinners! I am an orb spider. I spin webs of sticky silk to catch my prey. You can find me sitting in the middle of my web, waiting for my victims to land on it. My web usually lasts only for a day, but when I lose one I simply make another. I can even make several webs in one day if I need to.



## How do spiders catch their prey?

**W**e spiders have different ways of catching our prey. I am called a bird-eating spider, although I rarely hunt birds. I actually prefer lizards or small mammals instead. I grab my prey and inject it with poison with a bite from my sharp fangs. This paralyzes it so it can't escape. This lizard will make a tasty meal ...