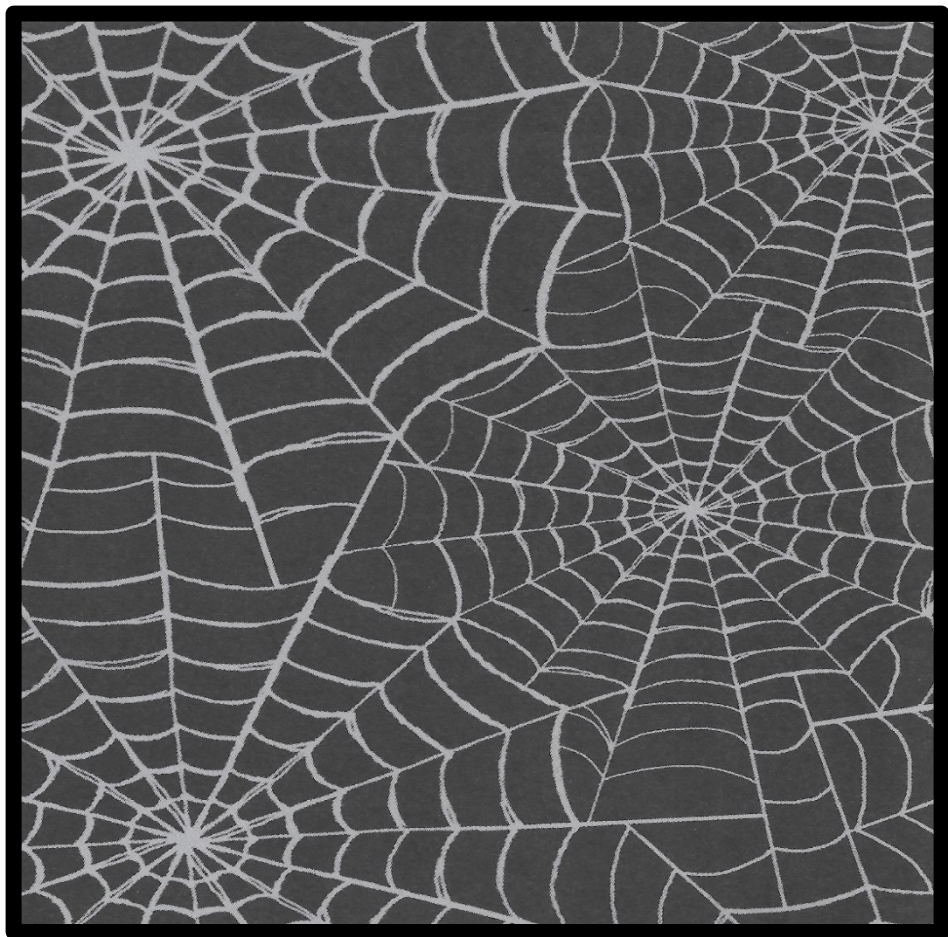




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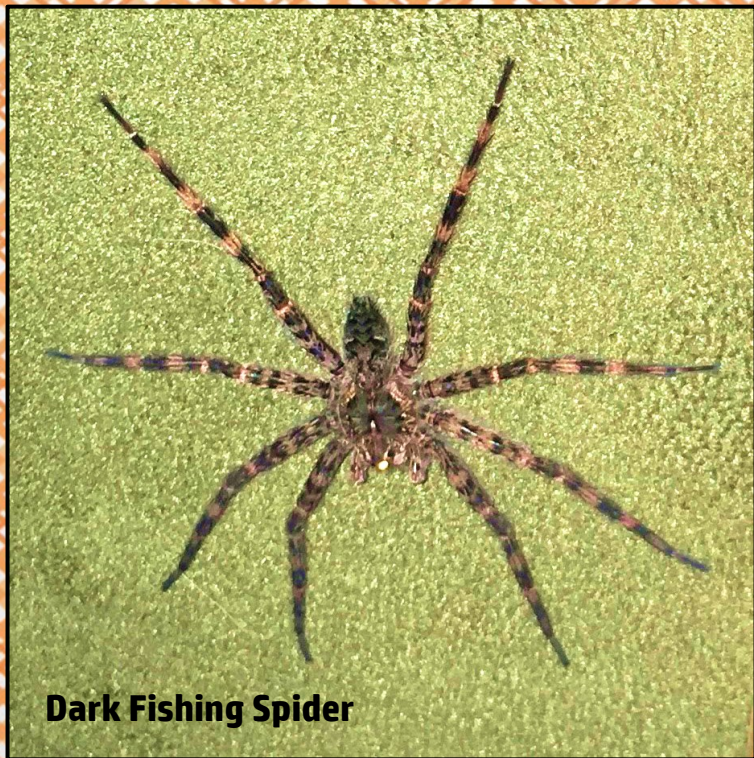
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What is that lurking in the
dark corner? What is that
hiding in the dirt? What is
that sitting in that hole?
It is a spider on the hunt!



Dark Fishing Spider

Spiders hunt for food in lots of ways. One way is to make a web. The bugs stick to the strands of the web and the spider closes in to catch them!

Spotted Orb Weaver



Some spiders hide and then attack. This funnel spider makes a web with a flat outside and a tube in the back. It hides in the tube until a bug lands on the flat part of the web. Then the spider rushes out, grabs the bug, and brings it into the tube to munch on.



Funnel Web Spider

Some spiders fish for their food. The fishing (or dock) spider hangs over a pond, lake, or river and watches. When the perfect fish swims by, it drops on it and snags it!

Fishing Spider



Wolf spiders stalk their food.
To “stalk” means to watch
and track something closely
while hidden. When the
time is best, they jump on
the food and catch it.



Wolf Spider

The spitting spider hunts in an odd way. To catch a bug it taps it, then backs away. Then it sends web that sticks to the bug! The spider dashes up and bites the bug as it tries to get unstuck from the web.

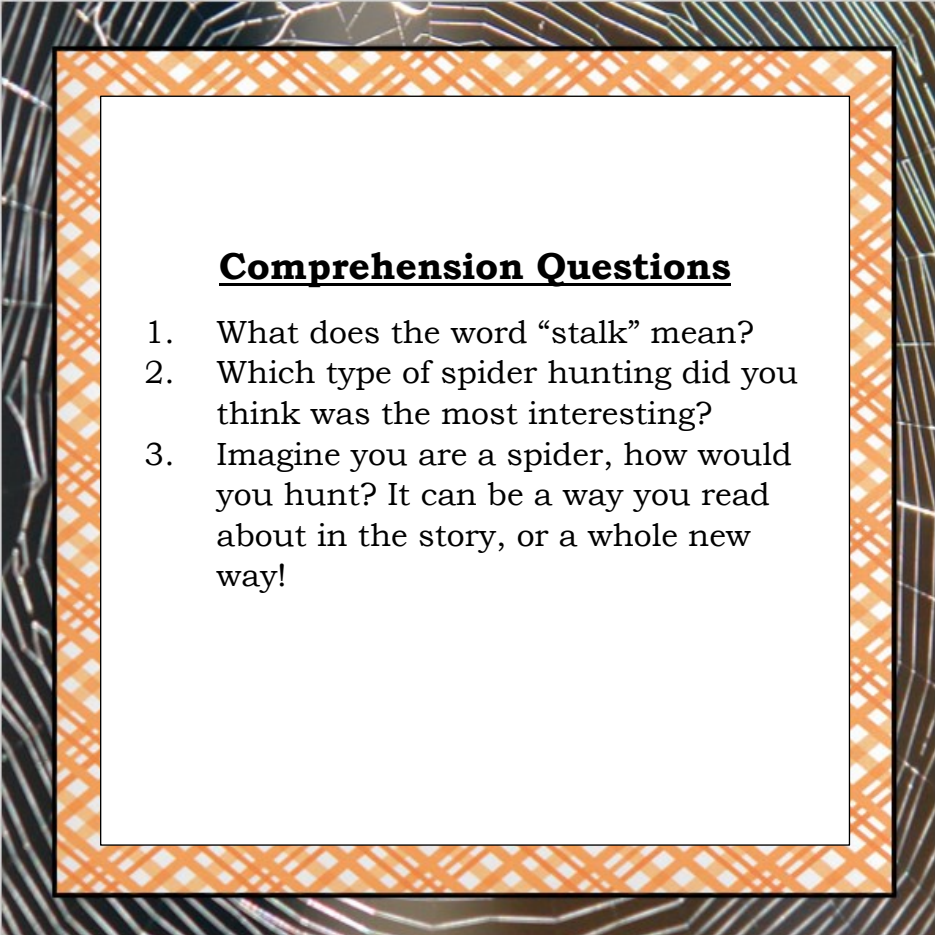


Spitting Spider

The ogre-faced spider
makes a small, flat web.
Then it picks up the web
and holds it in its front legs.
When the food walks by, it
drops the web on it like
a net.

Ogre-Faced Spider





Comprehension Questions

1. What does the word “stalk” mean?
2. Which type of spider hunting did you think was the most interesting?
3. Imagine you are a spider, how would you hunt? It can be a way you read about in the story, or a whole new way!

Skill Progress Stage Orange

Phonics Skills

All Consonants and Short Vowels,
Blends, Digraphs, Silent E, R-
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