

From spectacular silk webs to fascinating folklore, there's plenty to discover about **spiders**!

DID YOU KNOW?

Spiders are not insects. They belong to a separate group of animals called **arachnids**. Unlike insects, spiders have **eight** legs and **two** main body parts.

HEY, WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

Spiders can sense prey and danger through vibrations in their webs. Their silk is so sensitive that tiny movements can travel through it from several feet away! Scientists have even studied spider silk to inspire new technology, including microphones and materials that are both super strong and very lightweight.

UP, UP, AND AWAY!

Some tiny spiders travel through the air by releasing strands of silk that catch the wind. The silk acts like a tiny kite, carrying them over land and sea to new places. This is called **ballooning**.

ANANSI THE TRICKSTER SPIDER

Anansi is a character from West African folklore, commonly depicted as a spider, who uses his quick thinking and sneaky tricks to outsmart bigger animals. In one famous story, Anansi captures a python, a leopard, and a swarm of hornets to **gain the stories of the world**.

SPIN-A-STORY

- 1 Cut out the spider and finger band.
- 2 Adjust the band to fit your finger and tape to secure.
- 3 Tape or glue the spider to the band.

Use this finger puppet to surprise friends, act out creepy-crawly stories, or share cool spider facts!



Finger Band

GET CAUGHT UP IN A GOOD BOOK

Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti by Gerald McDermott

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

Aaaargghh! Spider! by Lydia Monks

I'm Trying to Love Spiders by Bethany Barton