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## Spiders

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Spiders are scary. I don't care what people say, they are scary creatures. Some people say they like spiders. I think they're mad. They only like them because they're so small. If they were the size of large dogs, people wouldn't like them so much. Can you imagine if they were that big? We'd be in big trouble. Spiders are among the most dangerous species in the world. They have hundreds of deadly poisons. They can kill things ten times bigger than themselves. If you look at spiders really closely, they really do look like scary monsters. All those eyes and legs and bodies. They make me shiver just thinking about them. Spiders are useful though. They are good at tidying up their environment.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT SPIDERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about spiders in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about spiders. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about spiders. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. SPIDERS POSTER** Make a poster about spiders. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY SPIDERS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on spiders. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on spiders. Share your findings with the class.

