



### Spectacular Spider Facts!

- Spiders' bodies have two parts, a set of fangs, eight legs and eight eyes!
- Most spiders are venomous, which means they use poison to paralyse their prey! Some even hunt birds.
- All spiders make silk. They use this to capture their food, protect their eggs, help them to move and to keep them safe. But not all spiders spin webs.
- An average human adult is more than 250,000 times heavier than a normal spider.
- Not every web we see is spiral shaped. Certain types of spider create webs shaped like tunnels or sheets. Grass spiders form funnel-shaped webs, which are not sticky. These spiders build a web on top of the grass.
- Spiders never try to go after people, but they defend themselves by biting. Some spider bites are poisonous, but most of them do not affect the human body. It might only have effects like getting stung by a bee or getting bitten by a mosquito. However, spiders can catch insects like wasps, which are harmful to us.
- Spiders taste their food with their legs!
- 'Arachnophobia' is the term used for the fear of spiders.

- Some smaller or younger spiders use their silk to travel around in the air. This floating in the air is called ballooning. The wind catches their shooting silk helping these spiders drift to a possible home.
- Many types of spiders live on land. But some spiders like raft spiders live on and in water. Such spiders can move across the surface of the water.
- Spiders can build a web in an hour, and they normally build a new one each day.
- Some spiders, like tarantulas, are kept as pets.