

Meggie-Spinnie Spider

**Eight legs spinning a sticky web
to wrap them up, make sure I'm fed.
Ate your brother for my lunch,
who's my next to suck and crunch?
Eight eyes watching, I'm statue-still
see you're tangled, move in for the kill.**



Spider (ettercap or meggie-spinnie)

Getting About

Spiders walk on their 8 legs and jump gaps by throwing out sticky silk threads on to something on the other side and the spider walks across.

Some small spiders go 'ballooning'. They climb up high and throw out a long silk thread. When it catches the breeze they are lifted up and float off to a new home.



Keeping Safe

Spiders sometimes make silk tubes or tents to hide in whilst they wait for insects to fly into their sticky webs and tangle lines.

If spiders are shaken out of a web, they lie still and tuck in their legs to look less 'spider-like'. This tricks animals like birds into leaving them alone, instead of eating them!



Try This



Play spider tag. When you are 'tagged' fall down, tuck in your arms and legs and lie very still. Don't move even if you are touched or tickled. After a few seconds jump up and try and catch someone else.



On a frosty or dewy morning see if you can find triangles, squares & circles in spiders' webs – and find some spiders too.

