



Spider Riddles

30 riddles from easy to tricky. Write your answer on the line. Answers are on the last page.

Easy riddles ★

1 I have eight legs, I'm not an insect, and I spin silk to catch my dinner. What am I?

ANSWER _____

2 I'm a sticky net made of silk, and I hang between branches or in a corner. Bugs that fly into me get stuck. What am I?

ANSWER _____

3 I'm a buzzing insect with see-through wings, and if I'm not careful, I'll end up stuck in a spider's web. What am I?

ANSWER _____

4 I'm strong, thin and stretchy, and a spider makes me inside its own body. What am I?

ANSWER _____

5 I'm a baby spider, and I hatch from an egg along with lots of brothers and sisters. What am I called?

ANSWER _____

6 In the nursery rhyme, the itsy bitsy spider climbs up something, and the rain washes it out. What did it climb?

ANSWER _____

7 Why are spiders so good with computers?

ANSWER _____

8 In the early morning, a spider's web sparkles with tiny drops of water, even when it didn't rain. What are those drops called?

ANSWER _____

9 On which holiday do people hang fake spiderwebs on their porches and dress up in costumes?

ANSWER _____

10 A spider has 8 legs. How many legs do 2 spiders have?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 Spiders, scorpions and ticks all belong to the same animal group. Animals in this group have eight legs, not six like insects. What's the group called?

ANSWER _____

- 12 An insect's body has three main parts. How many main body parts does a spider have?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I'm the tiny body parts at the back end of a spider. Silk comes out of me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 Most spiders have the same number of eyes as they have legs. How many eyes is that?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm a small spider with huge front eyes and amazing eyesight. I don't wait in a web. I pounce on my food instead. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I'm one of the biggest, hairiest spiders in the world, and some people keep me as a pet in a tank. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 A spider's hard outer skin doesn't stretch. To grow bigger, it climbs out of its old skin and leaves it behind. What is this called?

ANSWER _____

- 18 A spider waiting at the edge of its web can't see the middle very well. How does it know when a bug gets caught?

ANSWER _____

- 19 I'm an arachnid with eight legs, two big pincers and a curled tail with a stinger. I even glow under ultraviolet light. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 A round web shaped like a wheel, with spokes and a spiral, has a special name that comes from an old word for a ball or circle. What is it?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 21 I'm a hairy hunter that chases my food across the ground. When my babies hatch, they ride around on my back. What kind of spider am I?

ANSWER _____

- 22 I dig a burrow in the ground and cover it with a little lid made of silk and dirt. When a bug walks by, I pop out and grab it. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 23 I'm the only spider known to spend almost my whole life underwater. I breathe air from a bubble that I hold in place with silk. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 24 I'm a tiny jumping spider from Australia. The males have a bright, colorful flap that they lift and wave in a dance. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 25 Some young spiders climb to a high spot, let out a few silk threads and float away on the wind, sometimes for miles. What is this called?

ANSWER _____

- 26 In a famous children's book, a clever spider spins words like "SOME PIG" into her web to save a pig named Wilbur. What's the spider's name?

ANSWER _____

- 27 A spider has 8 legs and a fly has 6. How many legs are there altogether on 4 spiders and 3 flies?

ANSWER _____

- 28 Spiders don't have any bones inside their bodies. What is the hard covering on the outside that protects them called?

ANSWER _____

- 29 Almost all spiders use this to stop their prey, but only a very few kinds are dangerous to people. What is it?

ANSWER _____

- 30 Take the first two letters off SPIDER, then put an R in front of what's left. Now you have someone sitting on a bike or a horse. What's the word?

ANSWER _____

Answers

Spider Riddles · answer key · print or fold this page away before you hand out the sheet

1. A spider
2. A web
3. A fly
4. Silk
5. A spiderling
6. The water spout
7. They love making websites.
8. Dew
9. Halloween
10. 16
11. Arachnids
12. **Two.** A spider has a front part with the head, eyes and legs, and a back part called the abdomen.
13. Spinnerets
14. **Eight.** Most spiders have eight eyes, though some have six, two or even none.
15. A jumping spider
16. A tarantula
17. Molting
18. **It feels the vibrations.** The web shakes when something gets stuck.
19. A scorpion
20. An orb web
21. A wolf spider
22. A trapdoor spider
23. The diving bell spider
24. A peacock spider
25. Ballooning
26. **Charlotte.** The book is "Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White.
27. **50.** $4 \times 8 = 32$ and $3 \times 6 = 18$, and $32 + 18 = 50$.
28. An exoskeleton
29. Venom
30. RIDER

Need a hint? Every riddle has one at riddlepedia.com/spider-riddles/, where you can also play them as a game.