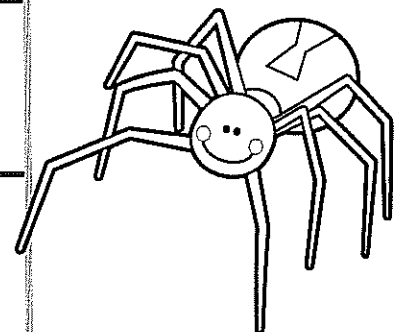


# Super Spiders

Many people think that spiders are insects, 7  
 but they are not. They are arachnids. 14  
 Insects have six legs and three body parts. 22  
 Spiders have eight legs and two body parts. 30  
 Spiders are amazing creatures. Their 35  
 bodies are able to produce silk, which they 43  
 can use for many purposes. The silk is used 52  
 to move around, to create egg sacs, and to 61  
 create webs. Once a spider traps an insect 69  
 in its sticky web, it produces more silk to 78  
 wrap the insect so that it can be eaten 87  
 later. Spiders are super! 91

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## Comprehension Questions: Super Spiders

1. What kind of animal is a spider?

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2. What are the differences between spiders and insects?

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3. What does a spider's body produce?

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4. How are insects trapped in a spider's web?

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5. What happens once a spider traps an insect inside its web?

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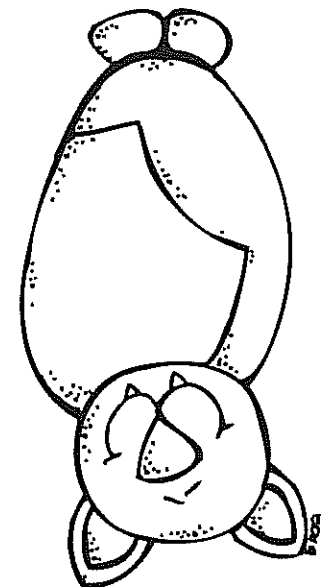
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# All About Bats

Have you ever seen a bat? If you have, it was 11  
 probably night time. Bats are nocturnal 17  
 animals, which means they sleep in the day and 26  
 are awake in the night. Even though bats have 35  
 wings, they are not birds. They are mammals. 43  
 They are the only mammals that can fly. Birds 52  
 have feathers, but bats are covered with fur, 60  
 like all other mammals. Birds hatch from eggs, 68  
 and baby bats are born live. Bats like to hang 78  
 upside down when they are resting. The place 86  
 where bats live is called their roost, and they 95  
 roost in places like trees, attics, caves, and 103  
 spots that will protect them. Bats are neat! 111

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## Comprehension Questions: All About Bats

1. Why would you see a bat at night?

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2. What kind of animal is a bat?

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3. How do bats hang?

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4. What is the name of a place where bats are resting?

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5. What do you think a bat's home protects it from?

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# Carving Pumpkins

Carving pumpkins is fun for the whole family! 8

When you want to carve a pumpkin, you need 17

to find just the right one. They come in many 27

different shapes and sizes. After you pick 34

the perfect pumpkin, you can draw on the 42

face that you want. You can make a happy 51

face, a scary one, or a silly one. Some people 61

carve other things into pumpkins like bats, or 69

ghosts. After you draw on the face, 76

you need to get an adult to cut off the top. 87

Scoop out the seeds and then ask the adult to 97

cut out the face! Now your pumpkin is done! 106

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## Comprehension Questions: Carving Pumpkins

1. Why does the author say carving pumpkins is fun for the whole family?

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2. What do you do to the face before you cut it out?

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3. Why do you need an adult to help carve a pumpkin?

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4. What do you do with the seeds inside the pumpkin?

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5. If you were carving a pumpkin, what would it look like?

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# Helpful Friends

My neighbor Mr. Smith is a very nice man. All 10  
 the kids love him and have fun at his house. 20  
 When we visit him, he reads to us and gives us 31  
 snacks. One day we went to Mr. Smith's house. 40  
 He was on crutches. He had broken his leg. 49  
 His yard was covered with leaves, and that 57  
 gave us an idea. We all went home and 66  
 grabbed rakes. We went back to Mr. Smith's 74  
 house and raked all the leaves. We made a 83  
 giant pile, and jumped in it! Leaves went 91  
 everywhere. We played for a while, and then 99  
 we raked the leaves again. We had fun, AND 108  
 helped Mr. Smith. What a great day! 115

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## Comprehension Questions: Helpful Friends

1. What do the kids do when they visit Mr. Smith?

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2. What happened to Mr. Smith?

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3. What did the kids do when they saw all the leaves in Mr. Smith's yard?

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4. Why do you think the kids wanted to help Mr. Smith?

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5. Why was it such a great day?

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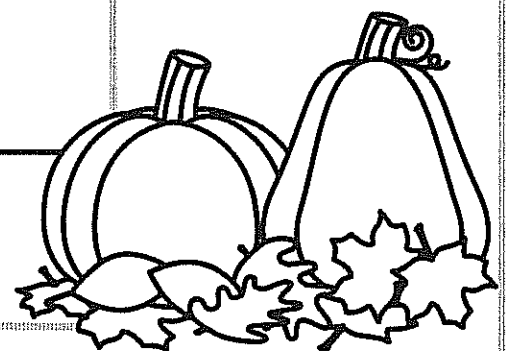
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# The Pumpkin Patch

One autumn afternoon, my parents said "Let's 7  
 go to the pumpkin patch." "I don't want to go," 17  
 I said. "It will be boring!" My mom said "I think 28  
 you should come." I got into the car, but I was 39  
 not happy. When we got there, a tractor came 48  
 to take us on a hayride. There were pumpkins 57  
 everywhere! We picked our pumpkins, then 63  
 walked to the cornfield. There was a big maze 72  
 and we had fun trying to find our way out. 82  
 Finally, dad said "Let's go get some cider and 91  
 donuts." We ate warm sugary donuts and 98  
 drank sweet crisp apple cider. "I was wrong 106  
 about the pumpkin patch being boring," I said. 114

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## Comprehension Questions: The Pumpkin Patch

1. What season did the story take place in?

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2. Why did the child not want to go to the pumpkin patch?

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3. What did the family do after picking their pumpkins?

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4. What treat did the family have?

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5. Why did the child say that they were wrong about the pumpkin patch being boring?

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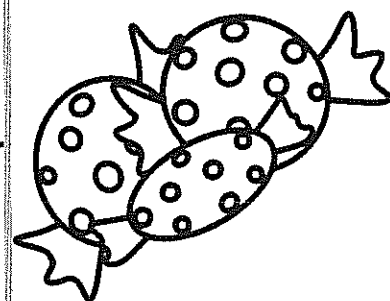
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# My Stomach Hurts!

Halloween is my favorite holiday! I love the 8  
 Halloween party at school, decorating the 14  
 house with scary decorations and dressing up 21  
 in a costume. Most of all I love trick or 31  
 treating! After dinner, my friends and I 38  
 rushed outside to start collecting candy. I got 46  
 a huge candy bar at the first house. I ate it 57  
 while I walked to the next house. I got a 67  
 handful of candy there and I ate three pieces. 76  
 At the next house, I ate four pieces and a bag 87  
 of popcorn. At the next house, I gobbled up 96  
 another candy bar. "I have to go home." I said 106  
 to my friends. "My stomach hurts!" 112

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## Comprehension Questions: My Stomach Hurts!

1. What is the child's favorite holiday?

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2. What is the child's favorite part of that day?

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3. What other things does the child like about their favorite holiday?

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4. What did the child get at the first house?

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5. Why do you think the child's stomach hurt?

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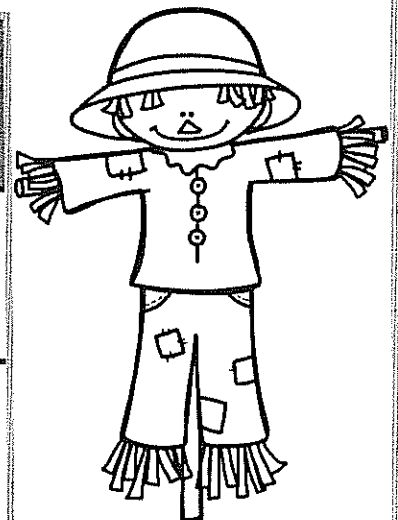
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# The Scarecrow

My friend Jack lives on a farm. One day he 10  
 said "Let's surprise my dad and make a 18  
 scarecrow." "Why do we need a scarecrow?" 25  
 I asked. "Because the crows eat all the corn," 34  
 he answered. "A scarecrow will scare them 41  
 away." We got old clothes and stuffed them 49  
 with hay. We got an old sack and stuffed it 59  
 too. We drew a face on it. We put the sack 70  
 on top of a tall stick for the scarecrow's head. 80  
 We put the clothes on the stick too. We 89  
 added a hat to the top of the scarecrow. We 99  
 hung the scarecrow in the garden. "Now there 107  
 will be no more crows," Jack said. 114

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## Comprehension Questions: The Scarecrow

1. Where does Jack live?

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2. Who did Jack want to make the scarecrow for?

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3. What did they use for the head?

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4. What went on the top of the scarecrow?

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5. Why does Jack think there will not be any more crows?

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# Columbus Discovers America

Christopher Columbus was born in Italy. He could 8  
 make maps and sail ships. He wanted to find a 18  
 shorter way to sail to China because he knew 27  
 that people could make a lot of money there. 36  
 Columbus got the King and Queen of Spain to pay 46  
 for his trip to find a new way. He took three 57  
 ships on his voyage: The Nina, the Pinta, and the 67  
 Santa Maria. Columbus and his crew sailed for 75  
 many months before they spotted land. He 82  
 thought that he was in the Indies, which are 91  
 islands near China. He called the people there 99  
 "Indians." He was really in the Americas. His 107  
 discovery led the way for people to colonize the 116  
 Americas. 117

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# Comprehension Questions: Columbus Discovers America

1. Where was Christopher Columbus born?

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2. Why did Columbus want to find a new way to China?

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3. Who paid for his trip?

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4. What did Columbus call the people he found on his trip?

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5. What did Christopher Columbus really discover?

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# Fun on the Farm

The farm is one of my favorite places to visit. I love driving out into the country with my family and spending the day there. When I go to the farm, I like seeing all the animals. I like the cows, sheep, pigs and horses. I like the goats most of all though. One day when we were at the farm, I saw a funny goat. It was standing on top of a big pile of hay. I tried to pet it and it grabbed my hat off my head. It started to chew on my hat! I laughed and laughed. What a fun day at the farm!

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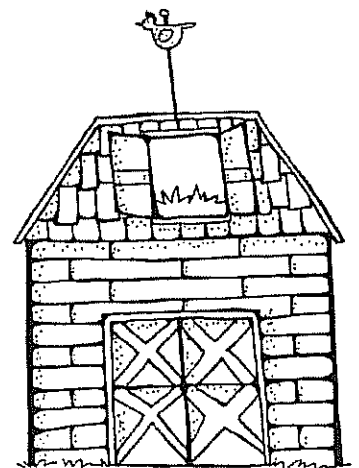
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## Comprehension Questions: Fun on the Farm

1. Where does the family drive to when they visit the farm?

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2. What animals does the child see at the farm?

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3. What animal does the child like most?

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4. What did the goat try to eat?

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5. Why do you think the child likes the farm so much?

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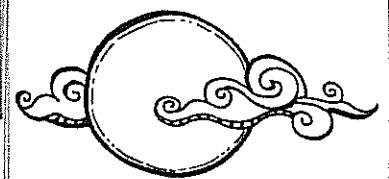
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# Full Moon Fever

It was a clear and crisp fall night. I looked 10  
 up at the sky. There was not a single cloud 20  
 and the stars were shining brightly. A 27  
 beautiful full moon lit up the sky. My brother 36  
 and I went outside to sit on the porch. "Isn't 46  
 the moon pretty?" I asked. "Yes, but 53  
 sometimes strange things happen when there 59  
 is a full moon," he said. "You are teasing me," 69  
 I said. "Look out for werewolves!" he said. 77  
 "There is no such thing as werewolves," I said. 86  
 Just then I heard a howling in the woods. 95  
 "But let's go inside just in case," I said. We 105  
 laughed as we walked back into the house. 113

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## Comprehension Questions: Full Moon Fever

1. What season was it?

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2. Where were the children sitting?

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3. What did the brother say about the full moon?

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4. What did the children hear in the woods?

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5. Why do you think the child said "let's go inside?"

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