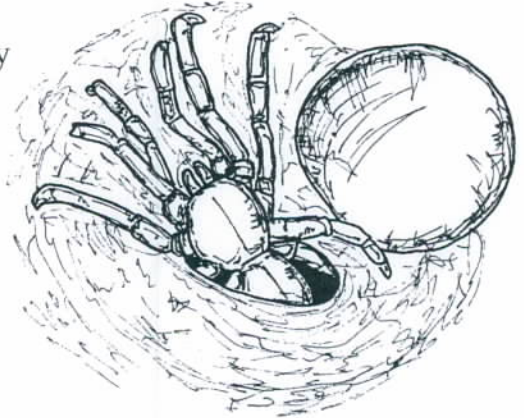


# Trapdoor Spider

## Review Key Words

- burrow** A burrow is a hole in the ground dug by an animal for shelter.
- trapdoor** A trapdoor is a sliding or hinged door in a floor, roof, or ceiling.
- unsuspecting** Unsuspecting means not worried or not aware.
- vibrations** Vibrations are quick movements back and forth.



## Read the Story<sup>2-4</sup>

6 For an **insect**, wandering near the  
 14 home of a **trapdoor** spider can be a  
 20 **fatal** mistake. Many spiders **spin** webs  
 27 to trap their **prey**. But the trapdoor  
 34 spider is different. This spider makes an  
 39 underground home with a trapdoor.

45 To make its home, the trapdoor  
 53 spider digs a hole deep in the ground.  
 61 Then the spider uses dirt and silk to  
 70 make a door. Silk **hinges** on one side of  
 78 the door allow it to open and close  
 85 easily. The spider covers the door with  
 91 dirt, making it hard to see.

98 At night, the spider waits inside the  
 door. When the spider feels the

104 **vibrations** of an insect close by, it  
 111 throws open the door and grabs the  
 118 insect. It pulls the insect to the bottom  
 126 of the **burrow**. Then the spider enjoys  
 133 its supper.

135 The trapdoor spider uses its home  
 141 for more than just catching prey. The  
 148 underground burrow is a good place to  
 155 hide from **predators**. The **female** uses  
 161 it as a nest too. Young spiders live there  
 170 for many weeks. Then the female opens  
 177 the door and pushes them out. Soon  
 184 they will build their own trapdoor  
 190 homes. **Unsuspecting** insects, **beware!**  
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## Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. A trapdoor spider uses its home to catch food.
  - b. A trapdoor spider does most of its hunting at night.
  - c. A trapdoor spider keeps its young underground for weeks.
2. What does a trapdoor spider use to cover its trapdoor?
  - a. webs
  - b. dirt
  - c. silk
3. What does the word **spin** mean in this story?
  - a. to quickly move in a circle
  - b. to make up an interesting story
  - c. to form a web by making a thread
4. What does a trapdoor spider do when prey is near?
  - a. It traps the prey in its web.
  - b. It opens the door and grabs the prey.
  - c. It makes an underground home.
5. How are trapdoor spiders' homes useful to them?  
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6. Match each word with its definition.

1. fatal	a. ___ able to be a mother
2. prey	b. ___ watch out
3. beware	c. ___ causing death
4. female	d. ___ hunted animal

## Parent Tips

Fluency develops gradually over considerable time and through substantial practice...Even when students recognize many words automatically, their oral reading still may be expressionless, not fluent. To read with expression, readers must be able to divide the text into meaningful chunks. These chunks include phrases and clauses. Readers must know to pause appropriately within and at the ends of sentences and when to change emphasis and tone.

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