



Entomologist warns against killing house spiders

Description

Spiders are important creatures that help our homes and nature. Many people want to kill spiders because they find them scary. However, spiders are usually not dangerous and can even help control pests.

In homes, spiders can be found everywhere. Some get trapped inside, while others live there happily. A survey of 50 homes in North Carolina showed that all had spiders, mainly cobweb and cellar spiders. These spiders build webs to catch food. Cellar spiders sometimes hunt other spiders too.

Spiders eat pests like mosquitoes, which can spread diseases. Killing spiders can remove important predators from your home. Although people often fear spiders, most have venom too weak to harm humans. Even some scientists who study spiders can feel afraid of them.

If you don't like a spider in your home, try to capture it gently and let it go outside. This way, the spider will be safe, and you can feel better. If you can accept them, remember that spiders are natural and normal in our homes, even if we don't see them. It's best to let them live.

Vocabulary List:

1. **pests** //pɛsts// (noun): small animals or insects that damage things
2. **predators** //ˈprɛdətərz// (noun): animals that hunt and eat other animals
3. **venom** //ˈvɛnəm// (noun): poison from an animal used in bites
4. **survey** //ˈsɜːveɪ// (noun): a study that checks facts or numbers
5. **capture** //ˈkæptʃə// (verb): to catch and hold someone or something
6. **diseases** //diˈziːzɪz// (noun): illnesses that make people or animals sick

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What do spiders help control in the home?

Option: Pests

Option: Pets

Option: Furniture



Option: Noise

2. What type of spider is mentioned as sometimes hunting other spiders?

Option: Cobweb spider

Option: Cellar spider

Option: Wolf spider

Option: Jumping spider

3. In the survey, how many homes in North Carolina were found to have spiders?

Option: 10

Option: 25

Option: 50

Option: 100

4. What do spiders eat that can spread diseases?

Option: Flies

Option: Mosquitoes

Option: Ants

Option: Beetles

5. How should you deal with a spider you don't like in your home?

Option: Kill it

Option: Ignore it

Option: Capture it gently and let it go outside

Option: Trap it permanently

6. Which of the following is true about spiders?

Option: All spiders are dangerous

Option: Spiders are important predators

Option: Spiders only live in gardens

Option: Spiders have no venom

True-False

7. Spiders are usually dangerous and should be killed.

8. All homes surveyed in North Carolina had spiders.



9. Most spiders have venom that can harm humans.
10. Cellar spiders build webs to catch food.
11. It is advised to let spiders live in homes.
12. People never feel afraid of spiders.

Gap-Fill

13. Spiders can help control pests like mosquitoes, which can spread _____ diseases.
14. A survey in North Carolina showed that all homes had _____ spiders.
15. If you find a spider in your home, try to capture it gently and let it go _____ outside.
16. Spiders are natural and _____ in our homes.
17. Many people want to kill spiders because they find them _____ scary.
18. It's best to let spiders _____ in your home.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Pests 2. Cellar spider 3. 50 4. Mosquitoes 5. Capture it gently and let it go outside
6. Spiders are important predators

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. serious 14. cobweb 15. safely 16. normal 17. very 18. live

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What are organisms that cause harm to crops or livestock called?



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- Option: Pests
Option: Predators
Option: Diseases
Option: Allies
2. What term describes the toxic substance some animals produce for defense or hunting?
Option: Venom
Option: Alloy
Option: Gravitational
Option: Feedback
3. What type of technology uses data in the form of discrete values?
Option: Analog
Option: Digital
Option: Mechanical
Option: Chemical
4. What do companies gain when their revenue exceeds costs?
Option: Losses
Option: Profits
Option: Expenses
Option: Investments
5. What term is used to describe a specific objective or task undertaken by a space agency?
Option: Operation
Option: Journey
Option: Mission
Option: Task
6. What refers to the strong effect or influence something can have?
Option: Impact
Option: Effect
Option: Contact
Option: Repercussion
7. What is the process of taking possession of something called?
Option: Capture
Option: Release
Option: Survey
Option: Assessment
8. What are conditions that impair normal functioning called?
Option: Injuries



- Option: Illnesses
- Option: Diseases
- Option: Disorders

9. What is the act of maintaining something in its original state called?

- Option: Conservation
- Option: Destruction
- Option: Preservation
- Option: Modification

10. What do you call the information released to provide new details?

- Option: Review
- Option: Update
- Option: Announcement
- Option: Revision

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. In nature, animals that hunt and eat other animals are known as _____.
12. The new project goals are properly _____ with the company's values.
13. To analyze the data effectively, researchers must have _____ to the database.
14. Effective _____ of resources is crucial for organizational success.
15. The company is currently facing significant _____ challenges due to market changes.
16. The future of the project remains _____ due to funding issues.
17. We conducted a _____ to gather opinions from the participants.
18. The organization has _____ with local agencies to enhance community services.
19. The engineering team presented their _____ during the meeting.
20. To make a call, simply _____ the number on your phone.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Different industries have unique challenges and opportunities that shape their growth.



22. The space agency announced a new mission aimed at exploring Mars.
23. Gravitational forces are essential for understanding planetary orbits.
24. Constructive feedback helps individuals improve their performance in any field.
25. The company launched a new product that has gained widespread attention.
26. An alloy is a mixture of two or more metals that enhances strength and durability.
27. Tickets for the concert are limited, so purchase them while you can.
28. There has been a noticeable decline in bee populations, which affects pollination.
29. Efforts toward environmental preservation are crucial for sustaining biodiversity.
30. Increasing sales leads to higher profits and greater reinvestment opportunities.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Pests 2. Venom 3. Digital 4. Profits 5. Mission 6. Impact 7. Capture 8. Diseases
9. Preservation 10. Update

Gap-Fill: 11. predators 12. aligned 13. access 14. management 15. financial 16. uncertain 17. survey
18. partnered 19. calculations 20. dial

Matching sentence: 1. industries 2. mission 3. gravitational 4. feedback 5. launched 6. alloy 7. limited 8.
decline 9. preservation 10. profits

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