

Spider Prey Challenge

What do spiders eat? Look closely at the pictures below and read how each spider hunts or traps its prey. Using the hints, choose the best prey organism from the list of spider food then write in your answer on the line provided.



Midge



Housefly



Ground Beetle



Grasshopper



Honeybee



Moth



Crab Spiders

Hints: It's a master of disguise. Changes its color to match its flowery ambush site. Eats daytime nectar-seeking insects. When its prey lands on a flower, the spider attacks, injecting the insect with venom which paralyzes it.

A Crab Spider's prey is _____.



Hammock Spiders

Hints: A tiny spider, about the size of your pinkie fingernail that hangs upside down underneath its web. When a tiny insect gets trapped in its sticky web, the spider bites it through the web!

A Hammock Spider's prey is _____.



Trapdoor Spiders

Hints: Digs a silk-lined burrow in the ground with a hinged "trapdoor" at the top. Hides inside the burrow waiting for an insect to wander by.

A Trapdoor Spider's prey is _____.



Bola Spiders

Hints: A nighttime hunter, it throws a silk ball on a long thread at night-flying insects. After the sticky silk ball hits the winged insect, it hauls in its catch.

A Bola Spider's prey is _____.



Orb Weavers

Hints: Spends more than an hour building a large, round web high off the ground. Waits for a flying insect to buzz into its web. The sticky strings will trap it until the spider can kill and eat it.

An Orb Spider's prey is _____.



Garden Spiders

Hints: Weaves sticky round webs in high grass and low bushes to trap hopping insects. When the spider feels the web shaking, it knows it has its prey!

A Garden Spider's prey is _____.