



# Can you find the key information in persuasion texts?

A morning work activity to practise retrieving and recording information from non-fiction texts.



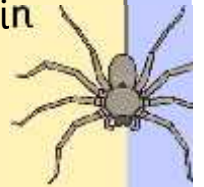
Read this text carefully, then use it to answer the questions underneath.

Many people are scared of spiders. However, these animals have several benefits to humans and very few in Britain can do any harm.

Firstly, spiders get rid of house flies, so don't worry if you find spider webs in your house; they're for catching insects. Spiders also keep gardens free of insects that might damage plants.

It is a well-known fact that spiders (even the large ones) are delicate and easily injured, so be kind and do your best not to hurt them. Even the biggest British spiders cannot seriously harm you as they only bite in self-defence. If you leave them alone, they'll leave you alone. There is no need for anyone to be terrified of spiders. In fact, spiders are more frightened of humans than we are of them!

Furthermore, spiders are very intelligent creatures. They know how to spin their complicated webs without having to learn.



### Questions

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2. How do spiders help in the garden?
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4. Why shouldn't you clear away all the spider webs in your home?

## Answers

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2. How do spiders help in the garden? **Catch insects that damage plants.**
3. How do you know a British spider would not attack a human? **'self-defence'**
4. Why shouldn't you clear away all the spider webs in your home? **Get rid of flies.**

