

## 8. A Serious Talk

Name the pictures on this page.

A spider sat quietly in the centre of its web. Suddenly,.....



Ah, there is a swing in the web again. I guess someone is in !

Oh God, again the cobweb, I'm caught!



Good, welcome fly dear, I was waiting for you

While this happened, a lady was cleaning her room. She sucked the spider, the fly and the web all in to the vacuum cleaner.



Eh, it's so dark (grgrgr.gr....). What's that noise ? What's happening.



Vaccum Cleaner

My head is whirling. I'm falling. What is going on? Help! Help!



By this time, the lady switched off the vacuum cleaner and everything became quiet.



Who's that ? I can't see anyone.

It's me, a poor spider. Who's there?



Oh, are you Miss Spider? I'm the fly you were going to eat a few minutes ago.

That's the rule. Spiders eat flies, birds eat spiders and cats eat birds.



Ah, no, it can't be so. I think we have been eaten up by something bigger than both of us.

It's so nice to hear you. Are we going to die?



I really feel sorry for all the flies I've eaten. If I get out of here, I would be a different person.



I wish there was a world where spiders and flies would be friends and insects would be free from fear!



I would like to drink honey like butterflies. It wouldn't be a bad idea to learn to eat berries.





Oh, I was also thinking the same. If I live longer, I would change myself too. I won't go to rubbish heaps and sit on rotten things. I wouldn't walk on any one's plate with dirty shoes on.

That's interesting! I don't think we have ever had a chance to talk to each other and know each other's feelings like this before.



u...n...u...n... But... but it's too late, or else we could have changed the world.

*What will happen next ?*

In the meantime, someone took the bag of the vaccum-cleaner and emptied it on to the garbage heap. The spider got frightened. But, in a short while, he recovered. It stretched its legs and began making a new web.



Fly dear, are you here?

Yes, Miss Spider are you there?



Look, I've made a beautiful and peaceful new web. Do come and see it.



Boo..n...booh! This is where you have to be Miss Spider. It looks just like the old one. I'm going. I can't, wait. We were friends but after all I'm a fly and you are a spider.



And the fly was ready to take off.



But where are you going?

To a new rubbish heap and then walk on someone's lunch with my dirty shoes.



But, fly dear, we are friends now. Do forget the past.

Ah, me ..... but I won't be again!



The fly rubbed its legs clean and flew off! And the spider sat and eagerly waited for an insect to get trapped into its web.

- Writers Group

### Word Meanings

cob web	spider web, a net of sticky threads made by a spider to catch insects
Vacuum cleaner	a machine that cleans floors by sucking up the dirt from them
garbage	waste material, such as paper, empty containers and food thrown away
recover	to get better after an illness, accident, shock, etc.
rotten	decayed

**Reading Comprehension**

**1. Use numbers to put the sentences in the order in which the events happened.**

- 1. The vacuum cleaner sucked the spider and the fly.
- 2. And the spider thought she was going to die.
- 3. A fly was caught in a cobweb.
- 4. The spider was inside the tube of the vacuum cleaner.
- 5. The fly couldn't see the spider but he spoke to her.
- 6. The spider asked for help.
- 7. The spider's head was whirling.
- 8. Then both the fly and the spider reached a soft surface, when the machine stopped.
- 9. The spider felt sorry for all the flies she had eaten.
- 10. Someone emptied the bag of the vacuum-cleaner on a garbage heap.
- 11. The spider recovered from her fright.
- 12. The fly went off in search of a new rubbish heap.
- 13. The spider invited the fly to her new web.

**2. What changes did the spider and the fly want to bring in themselves.**

	TILL NOW	WHAT THEY PROMISE TO DO IN FUTURE
Spider :	ate flies and insects trapped in her web	..... ..... .....

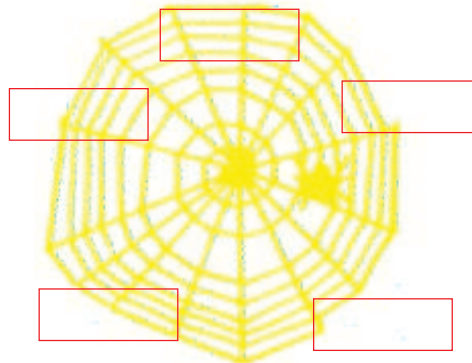
Fly :	sat on rubbish heaps and thrown away food, and walked on people's plates with its dirty shoes	..... ..... .....
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**3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words :(a lady, pipe, bag, sucker)**

- a. The part of vacuum cleaner that sucked the cobweb was the .....
- b. The parts of the vacuum cleaner in which the spider and the fly were moving about was the .....
- c. The part of the vacuum cleaner that was emptied on the garbage was the .....
- d. The vacuum cleaner was operated by a .....

**Vocabulary :**

1. Write names of insects that can be trapped in the spider's web. Use the clues given below :



- Clues :**
- (a) A three-letter name and is very small.
  - (b) It is green in colour, hops in fields.
  - (c) It bites you at night.
  - (d) It lives in the honey-hive.
  - (e) Sachin Tendulkar's game.

2. These are pictures of some movements. Can you name them? Use the clues in box below and also take the help of the dictionary.







circling, revolving, spinning,  
rotating, whirling, winding.

**Grammar**

**i** Given below are some unreal situations. Now combine the other part as given in the example.

**Example:**



If I had legs (run away from the saucer)

If I had legs, I would run away from the saucer



If I had a straw (drink the water)



If my hands whirled round and round. (end up the day soon)



If I had roller skates (win every race)



If I had wings (invite Uncle Fox for a race)



If I could open the lid of the jar (finish all the sugar in the jar)



If I had a stool (eat all the grapes)

**Activity***See Appendix 1 Lesson 8.***A. Listen to your teacher carefully and fill in the details asked for.**

Name : .....

Insect : .....

Total types : .....

Body : .....

Legs : (a) number.....  
(b) shape .....

Wings : (a) number .....

(b) shape .....

Mouth parts : (a) shape .....

(b) used for .....

Home : .....

Likings : .....

Specialization : .....

**B. Before Pintoo went to sleep, he made a long list of things he had to do. Say what Pintoo was going to do at the market, next morning at home or in his friend's house and for whom.**

**Example :** Pintoo was going to find last week's Sunday magazine for his grandpa.

	<b>At the market</b>	<b>Things to do at home</b>	<b>In his friend's house</b>
1.	Get grandpa's glasses repaired.	Search last week's Sunday magazine.	Make a paper mask.
2.	Bring betel leaf for grandma.	Pull out the old carrom board from under the bed.	
3.		Search for the wooden horse from the store room.	Make holes in a tin container to water plants.



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4.	Buy a pair of small scissors for himself.		Go to the river side and collect shells with Chintoo.
5.	Take clothes to the laundry.	Fill two buckets of water from the tube well.	Pluck mangoes from the trees in Chintoo's garden.
6.		Put some (chana) gram seeds in birdie's nest in the courtyard.	
7.		Cut pictures from old newspaper	

**Writing**

**No one likes flies. If the fly wants to become a good insect, what would you suggest him to do. Write a small letter to him. You can take help from the lesson.**

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Dear Fly, I know you want people to like you. I feel people would like you if you .....

**Project**

**You all know that some animals eat some other animals or insects. So, they can never be friends.**

**Collect pictures of animals, birds and insects and paste them in front of each other. Also write their names.**

**Animal/bird that eats.**

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**The insect that is eaten**

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