Diary of a Spider

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insects

What Does It Mean?
Insects are very small animals with six legs and three body parts, and may have wings.

Sentence:
Ants, flies, and bees are all insects. They all have six legs.

Think About It:
Which insects do you like? Why?
dangerous

What Does It Mean?
Something that is dangerous is not safe and may cause harm.

Sentence:
Be careful! A bee sting can be dangerous. It makes some people sick.

Think About It:
What are some dangerous things you watch out for?
What Does It Mean?
If you scare someone, you make him or her feel afraid.

Sentence:
Cockroaches will run away if you scare them. They frighten easily.

Think About It:
What kind of animal might you scare? Why?
What Does It Mean?  
**Something that is sticky attaches to other things easily.**

**Sentence:**  
A spider web is **sticky**. Bugs get caught, and they can’t fly away.

**Think About It:**  
What do you get on your hands that is sticky?
rotten

What Does It Mean?
If something is rotten, it is spoiled or bad.

Sentence:
A housefly eats rotten, or spoiled, food.

Think About It:
What does something that is rotten smell like?
screaming

What Does It Mean?
If someone is screaming, he or she is making a loud, high-pitched noise.

Sentence:
If you see a wasp, walk away quietly. Don’t run away screaming.

Think About It:
Why might an insect make someone run away screaming?
breeze

What Does It Mean?
A breeze is a light, gentle wind.

Sentence:
A ladybug came in when a breeze blew open the window curtains.

Think About It:
What does a breeze feel like?
judge

What Does It Mean?
To judge means to decide what you think about someone or something.

Sentence:
Look carefully before you judge, or decide, what this picture shows.

Think About It:
Whom do you judge to be the best dancer in your family?