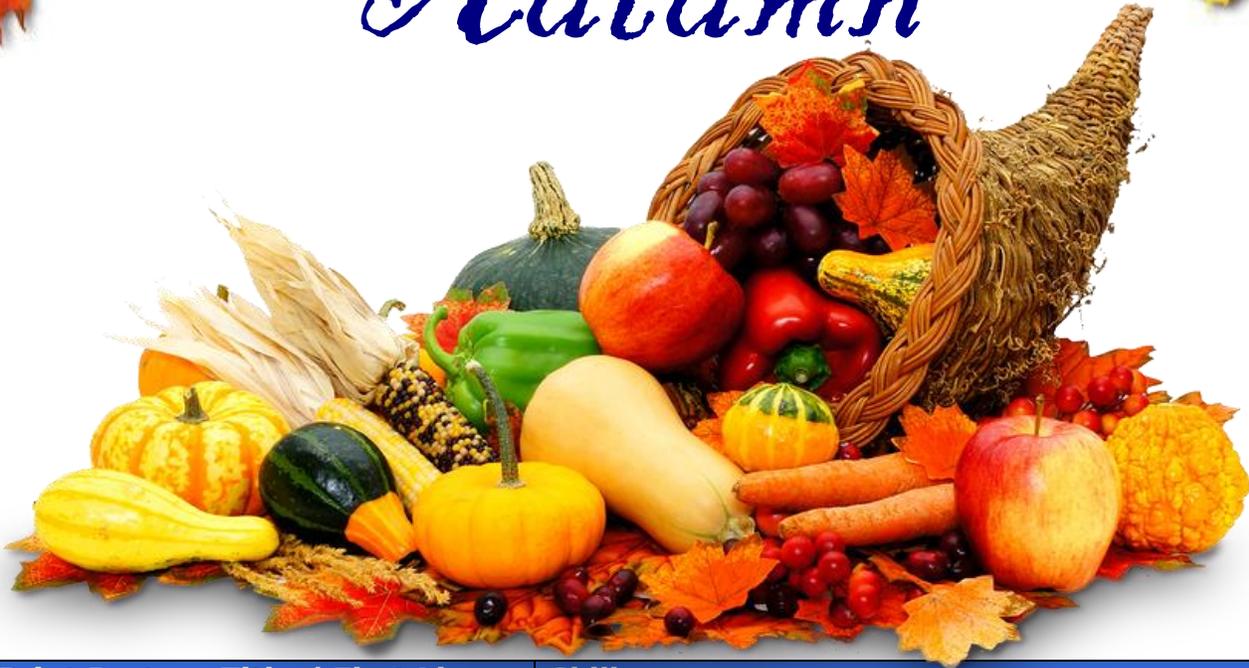
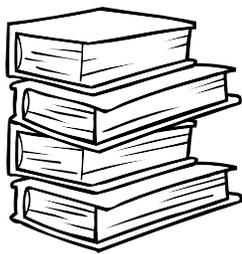


# Autumn



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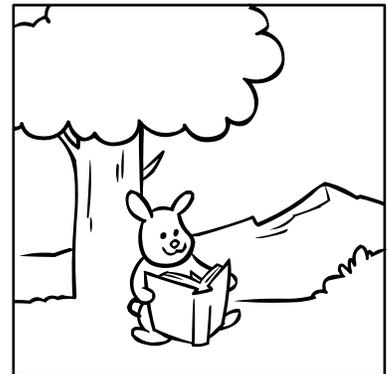
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- A. His mother wanted him to play outside.
  - B. He liked playing the drums more than reading books.
  - C. He was marching in a parade the next day.
  - D. He was playing the drums for a school play.

5. Write three ways Bear and Bunny are different.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
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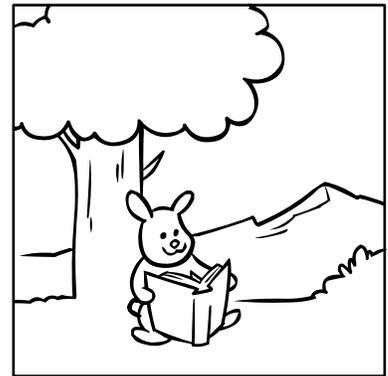
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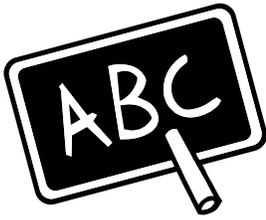
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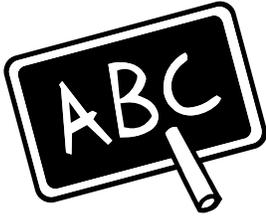
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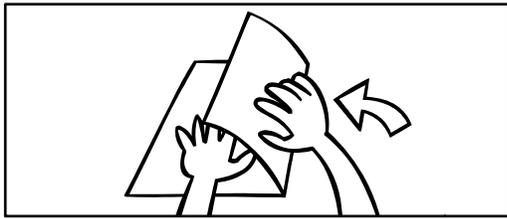


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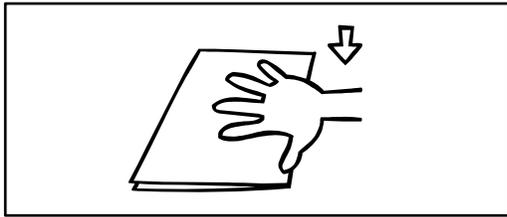
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Use a piece of black paper to make a creepy, crawly critter!

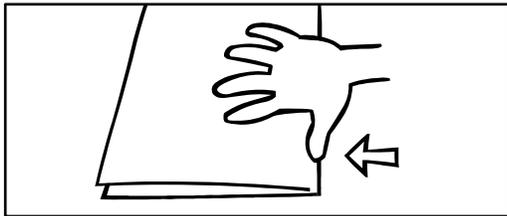
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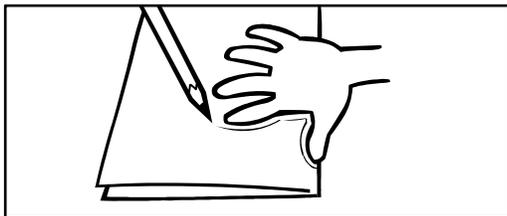
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3. Line up your thumb along the fold.

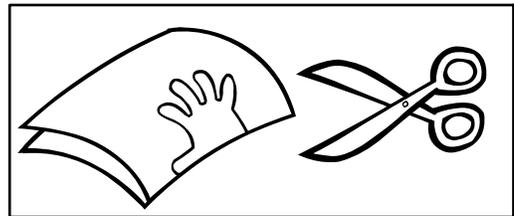


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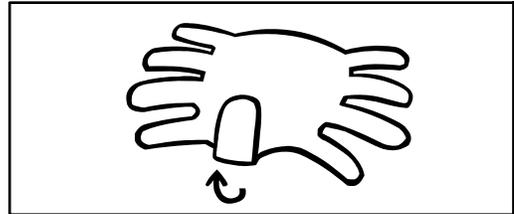


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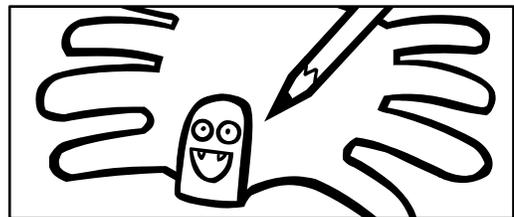
(Ask an adult for help with this step.)



6. Fold back the paper thumbs.

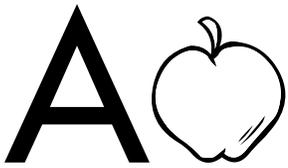


7. Draw two eyes.



**Riddle:** What is black and has two eyes and eight legs?

Answer: Your creepy, crawly critter!



## Identifying the Meaning of Words

**Directions:** Read the tall tale. Then complete the activities below.

### **Johnny Appleseed**

*Adapted from the Traditional Tale*

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1. Underline the word in the passage that means “goodness.”
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3. Draw a line from each word on the left to its correct meaning on the right.

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an area of land

territory

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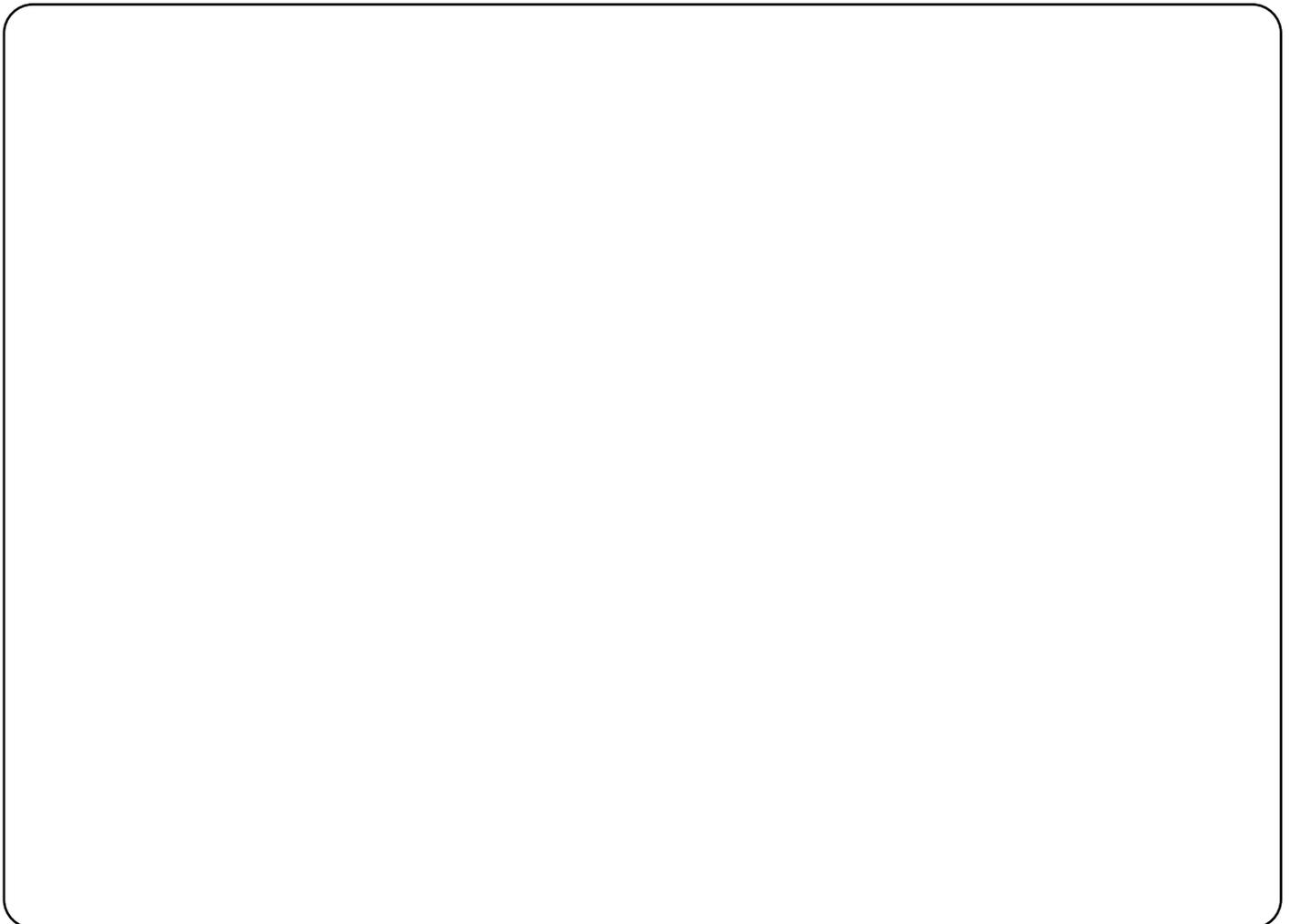
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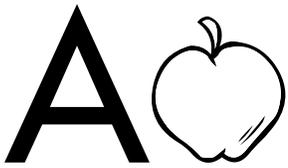
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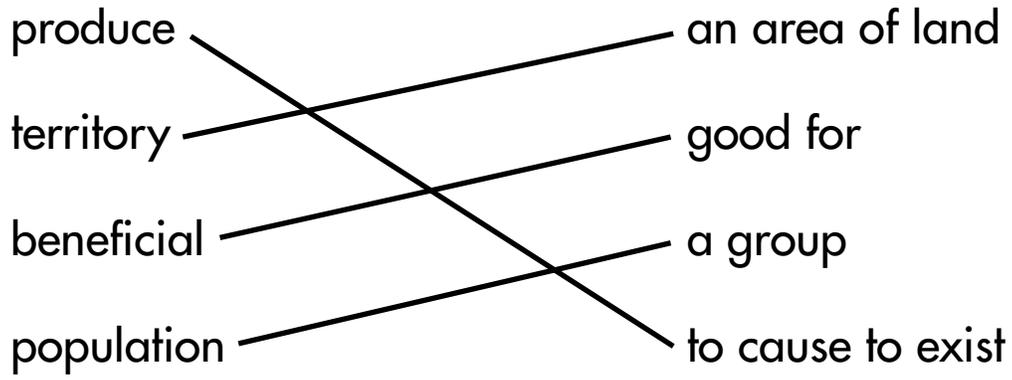
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## Distinguishing Fact and Opinion

**Directions:** Read the letter. Then complete questions below.

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We are staying in a hotel. Tomorrow we are going to the beach. California has a coastline with many beaches. The Pacific Ocean is filled with different kinds of fish. It is fun to swim in the ocean. But it is also dangerous. I think I am too young to go in it by myself. My dad will go in the water with me. The ocean is salt water, so I will keep my mouth closed!

We will leave for home in a couple more days. I am being good about doing my homework.

Your student,

*Omar*

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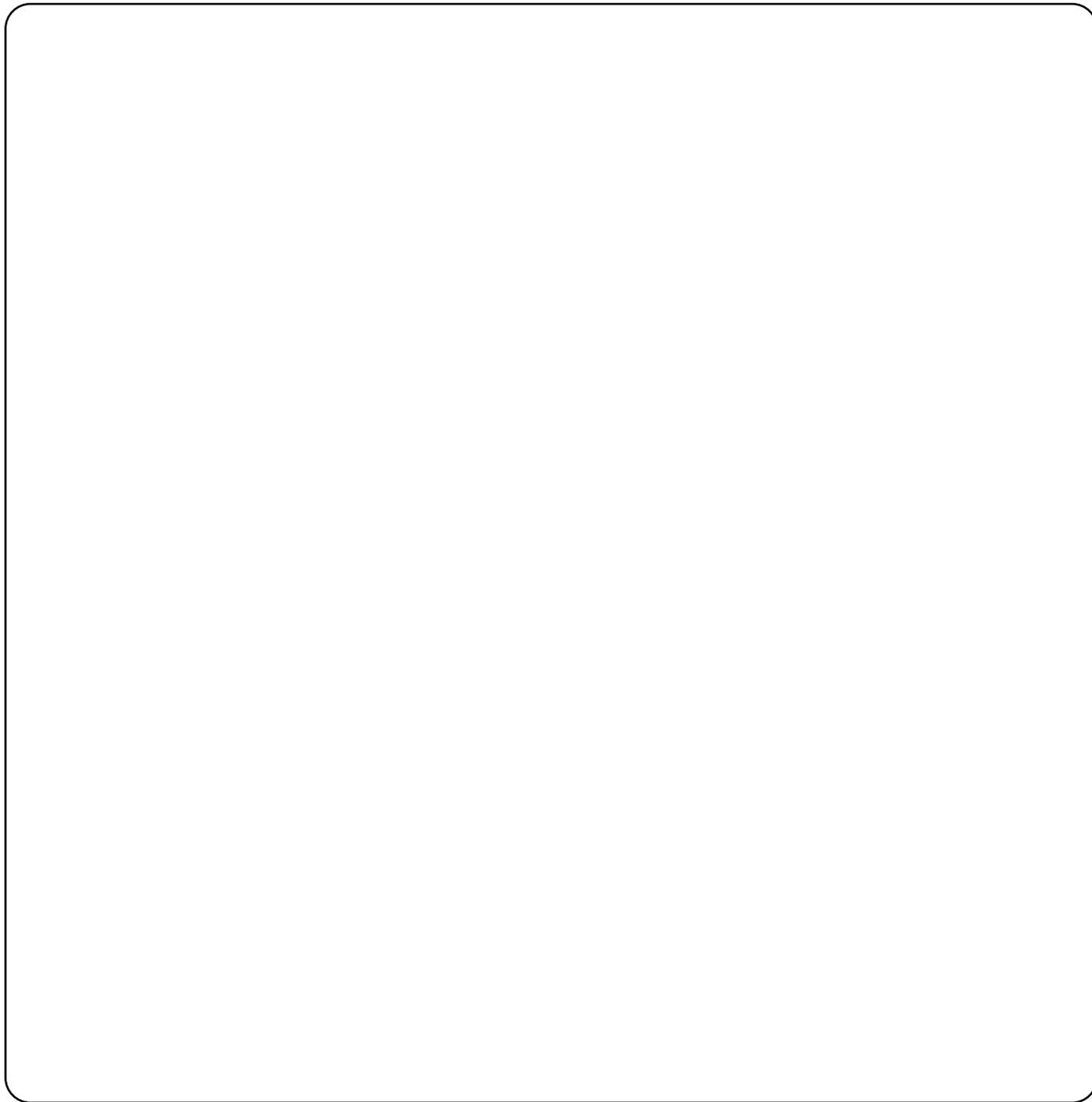
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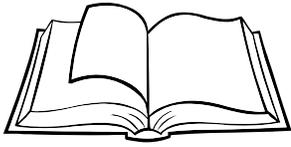
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**Possible pictures: a bat flying at night; a desert scene; a hotel at the beach; the ocean with fish in it; Omar and his father swimming in the ocean.**



## Mixed Skills: Determining Meaning of Multiple-Meaning Words

**Directions:** Read the passage. Then read each question and circle the correct answer.

### Spiders That Do Not Spin Webs

Many spiders spin webs. However, some spiders do not spin webs. One of these is the *crab spider*. The crab spider can change its color to match a flower. It hides on the flower and waits for an insect to come along. Then, the crab spider quickly catches it. The crab spider has long front legs. It extends all of its legs out from its sides and moves sideways like a crab. That is how it got its name.

Another kind of spider that does not spin a web is the *spitting spider*. It is brown with black spots. It has six eyes. It does not change color. The spitting spider produces poisonous silk. The silk is sticky like glue. It creeps up on a resting insect. Then, it spits out the poisonous silk. It blankets the insect with a zigzag pattern. The insect becomes trapped. Slowly, the spitting spider moves over to the insect and grabs it.

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4. How are the three kinds of spiders in the passage alike?
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**Directions:** Read the question and write your answer on the lines below.

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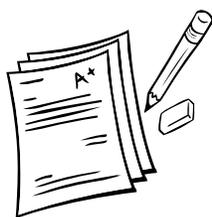
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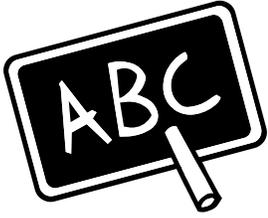
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## Comparing Themes

**Directions:** Read the legends. Then answer the questions that follow.

### **How Anansi Became a Spider**

*Adapted from an African Legend*

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Anansi quickly went to the king and told him his ram had been stolen by a spider who was keeping it captive in a cave! The king was enraged and ordered the spider to be banished to another kingdom. He offered Anansi a reward for bringing the spider to him.

Anansi ran back to the spider. He told the spider that the king wanted to reward him for weaving such an amazing web. The spider was elated at the idea of being seen by the king!

While Anansi was away, the king told his wife, the queen, what had happened. The king's wife laughed and asked, "How could a spider lure a ram into a cave and then weave a web strong enough to keep him inside?" The wife told the king Anansi must have stolen the ram.

When Anansi returned with the spider and demanded his reward, the

king scolded him for stealing the ram and deceiving the spider. With a wave of his mighty scepter, Anansi was turned into a spider and the spider into a man.

### **The Creation of Seal**

*Adapted from a Mowhawk Legend*

Before there were humans, birds, and animals, Earth was populated with creatures that had human traits and animal traits. There were brothers of the sun and the moon, known as The-Two-Men-Who-Changed-Things. They came down to Earth to prepare it for a new race of people. The brothers gathered all the creatures and changed some into animals, some into birds, and some into trees.

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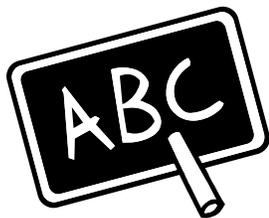
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Anansi ran back to the spider. He told the spider that the king wanted to reward him for weaving such an amazing web. The spider was elated at the idea of being seen by the king!

While Anansi was away, the king told his wife, the queen, what had happened. The king's wife laughed and asked, "How could a spider lure a ram into a cave and then weave a web strong enough to keep him inside?" The wife told the king Anansi must have stolen the ram.

When Anansi returned with the spider and demanded his reward, the

king scolded him for stealing the ram and deceiving the spider. With a wave of his mighty scepter, Anansi was turned into a spider and the spider into a man.

### **The Creation of Seal**

*Adapted from a Mowhawk Legend*

Before there were humans, birds, and animals, Earth was populated with creatures that had human traits and animal traits. There were brothers of the sun and the moon, known as The-Two-Men-Who-Changed-Things. They came down to Earth to prepare it for a new race of people. The brothers gathered all the creatures and changed some into animals, some into birds, and some into trees.

One of these creatures was a terrible thief. He stole fish and game from the creatures that hunted and fished. The-Two-Men-Who-Changed-Things decided to teach the thief a lesson. They transformed him into Seal by shortening the thief's arms and tying his legs together so that only his feet moved. Then they tossed him into the ocean and told him, "From now on you will have to catch your own fish if you want to eat."

**Directions:** Read each question. Then write your answer using complete sentences on the lines below.

1. A common **theme** in both stories is there are consequences for a person's actions. Explain how this theme applies to each legend.

**“How Anansi Became a Spider”**

**Anansi lies to get out of a punishment. In the end, he is still punished for his actions and he is changed into a spider.**

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**“The Creation of Seal”**

**In this story, a creature steals from others. Because he is a thief, he is changed into a seal.**

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2. Summarize the **main events** of each legend in the boxes below.

### **“How Anansi Became a Spider”**

**Anansi was angry at the king’s prize ram, so Anansi stole the ram. He hid the ram in a cave and told a spider to spin a web at the front of the cave. Anansi told the king the spider was keeping the ram captive in a cave. Anansi tricked the spider into going to see the king. The king realized the trick and punished Anansi by turing Anansi into a spider.**

### **“The Creation of Seal”**

**The-Two-Men-Who-Changed-Things came to Earth to prepare it for a new race of people. The-Two-Men-Who-Changed-Things started to change the creatures into animal, birds, and trees. The-Two-Men-Who-Changed-Things learned of a creature that stole fish from other creatures. As punishment, The-Two-Men-Who-Changed-Things changed the thief into a seal.**