**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Eight-Legged Allies**

**Voor de docent**

Spinnen zijn er altijd, maar je ziet er vooral in de herfst veel. Een leestekst waarin uitgelegd wordt hoe dat komt.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1

*Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan (belangrijke) feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

*Who is afraid of spiders?*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources or a dictionary to help you.

a Name 5 or more insects.

**Eight-Legged Allies**

Many people are afraid of spiders. But are they really dangerous?

[Read all about the crawling house guests and their good (and bad?) sides.](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cy4g8k7z095o)

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text.

Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. autumn | *a.* fully grown animals or people |
| 2. eight-legged | *b.* a group of animals or people that are similar |
| 3. adults | *c.* grow again |
| 4. markings | *d.* make |
| 5. stripy | *e.* marks or a pattern of marks on the body of an animal |
| 6. socks | *f.* medicine that is used to kill harmful bacteria and to cure infections |
| 7. silk | *g.* the pieces of cloth that are connected to a ship and that are used to catch the wind |
| 8. species | *h.* pieces of clothing that you wear on your foot and that cover part of your leg |
| 9. (to) create | *i.* the plants that are grown by farmers |
| 10. (to) regrow | *j.* the season between summer and winter |
| 11. antibiotics | *k.* sick |
| 12. unwell | *l.* situation in which the different parts are just as strong as all the others |
| 13. sails | *m.* the thread that is produced by a spider |
| 14. the crops | *n.* with 8 legs |
| 15. balance | *o.* with [stripes](https://s.turbifycdn.com/aah/yhst-43237354811846/brown-white-striped-socks-adult-or-child-92.jpg) |

Assignment 3

a True or false?

1 In autumn, spiders are bigger and come indoors.

2 In autumn, there are more spiders.

3 Some people find spiders a bit scary.

4 Spiders are nervous.

5 Spiders have eight legs.

b Why do we notice more spiders at this time of year?

1 Around Halloween, spiders always show themselves.

2 In autumn, spiders are bigger because they become adults.

3 There are many spiders now because it is still very warm.

4 They get tired quickly, so you see them sitting around a lot.

c What are good things about spiders? Choose all correct answers.

1 Spider silk is used to make antibiotics for sick people.

2 Spider silk might be used to release antibiotics.

3 Spider silk might help to regrow human cells.

4 The silk of small spiders can be used to make mini sails.

5 They catch insects in their webs.

6 They help to keep the balance in nature.

7 They stop insects from eating the plants that we grow for food.

d Which word in the text means about the same as “scary”?

1 creative

2 nervous

3 spooky

4 underway