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L-10 The Spider and the Fly

A. 1. Flip the fly says these words to Spidy the spider.

2. You refers to Spidy. He tried to flatter Flip by praising her looks. He said that she was pretty with pearl and silver wings, her robes were green and purple, and her eyes were bright like the diamond, and there was a crown on her head

3. After these words were said, Flip was flattered and decided to go into Spidy's parlour. As she flew closer to it, Spidy jumped up, held her tightly, and took her up to his den. This was the end of Flip's life.

B. 1. Spidy promised to show Flip many curious things inside his parlour.

2. Spidy did not get discouraged by Flip's refusal. Instead, he asked Flip to rest her weary head upon his silken bed. Spidy told Flip that his parlour had pretty curtains and that the sheets were fine and thin.

3. The third time, Spidy told Flip that he had a good store of all that's nice in his pantry and Flip would be welcome to share it with him.

4. Flip knew that going into Spidy's web would mean death for her. Upon being asked by Spidy to enter his parlour, Flip said, For he who goes up your winding stair/Can never come down again. Also, when Spidy asked Flip to rest her pretty head upon his silken bed, she said, They never, NEVER wake again./Who sleep upon your bed!

5. The spider finally uses flattery to get Flip into his den. When nothing else has worked, Spidy praises the fly for her looks, which she finally falls for.

6. The story teaches us not to be taken in by flattery and smooth talk.