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Picture words



Monkey




Rat




arrow




rope



Anansi the spider



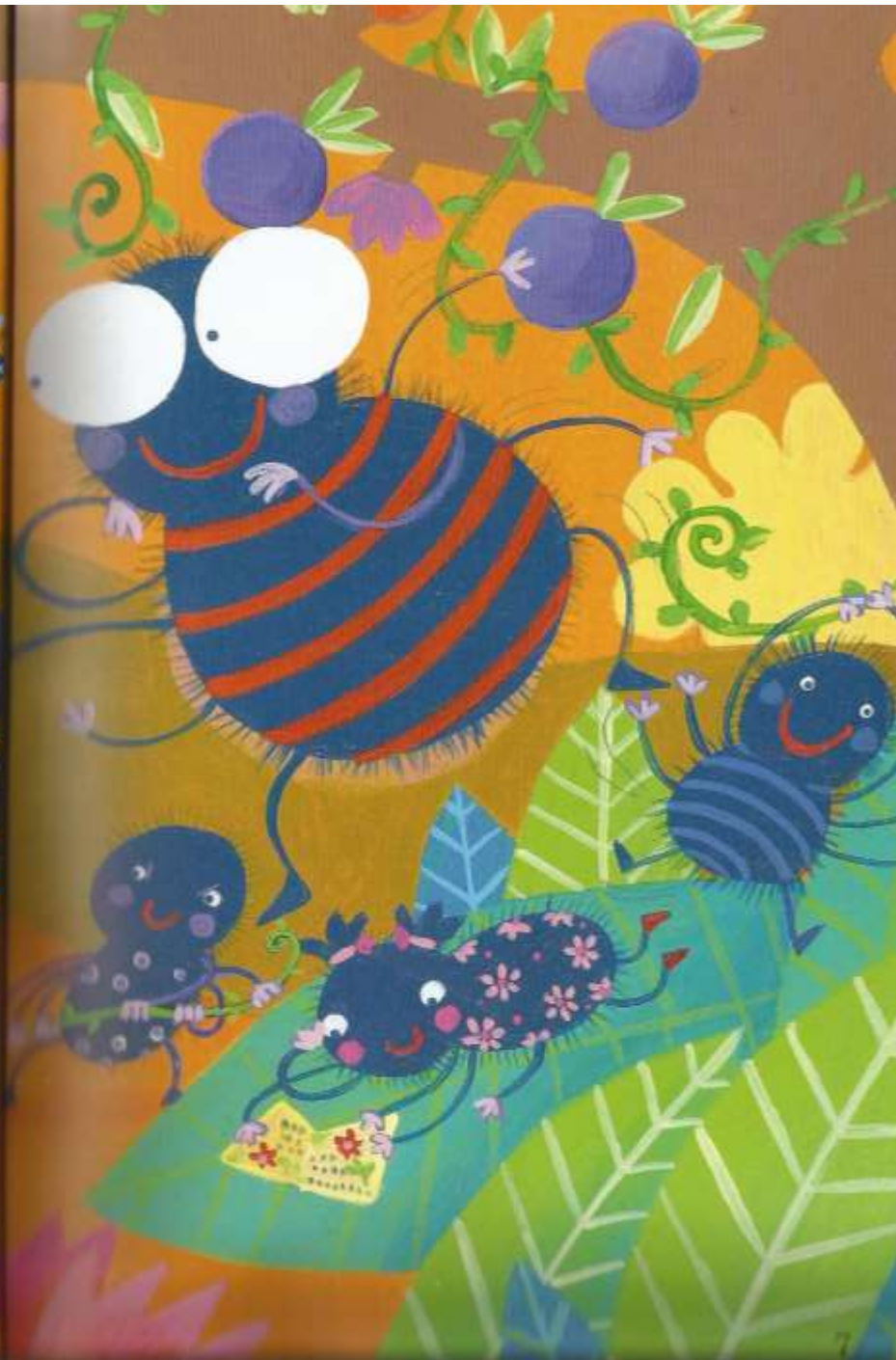
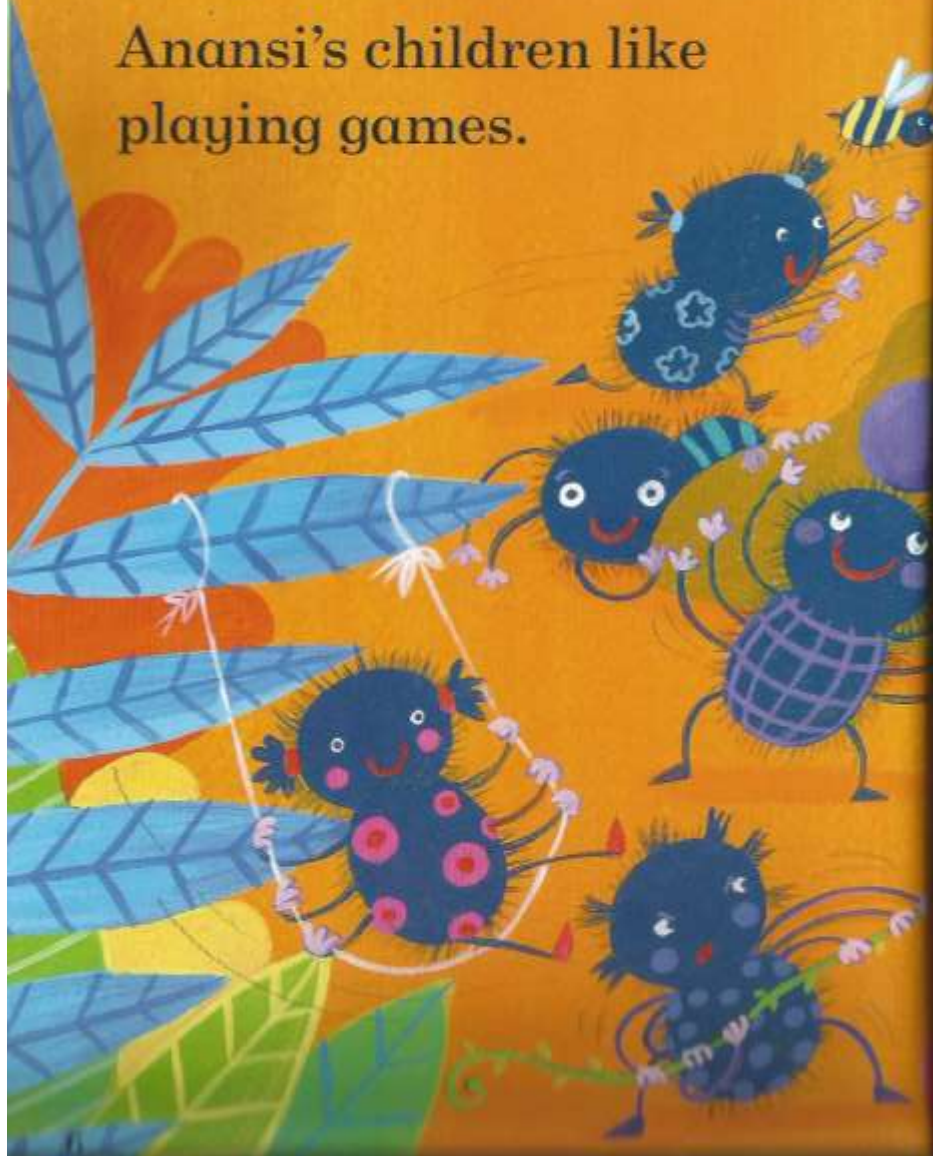
Snake



children

Anansi the spider has got
many small children.

Anansi's children like
playing games.

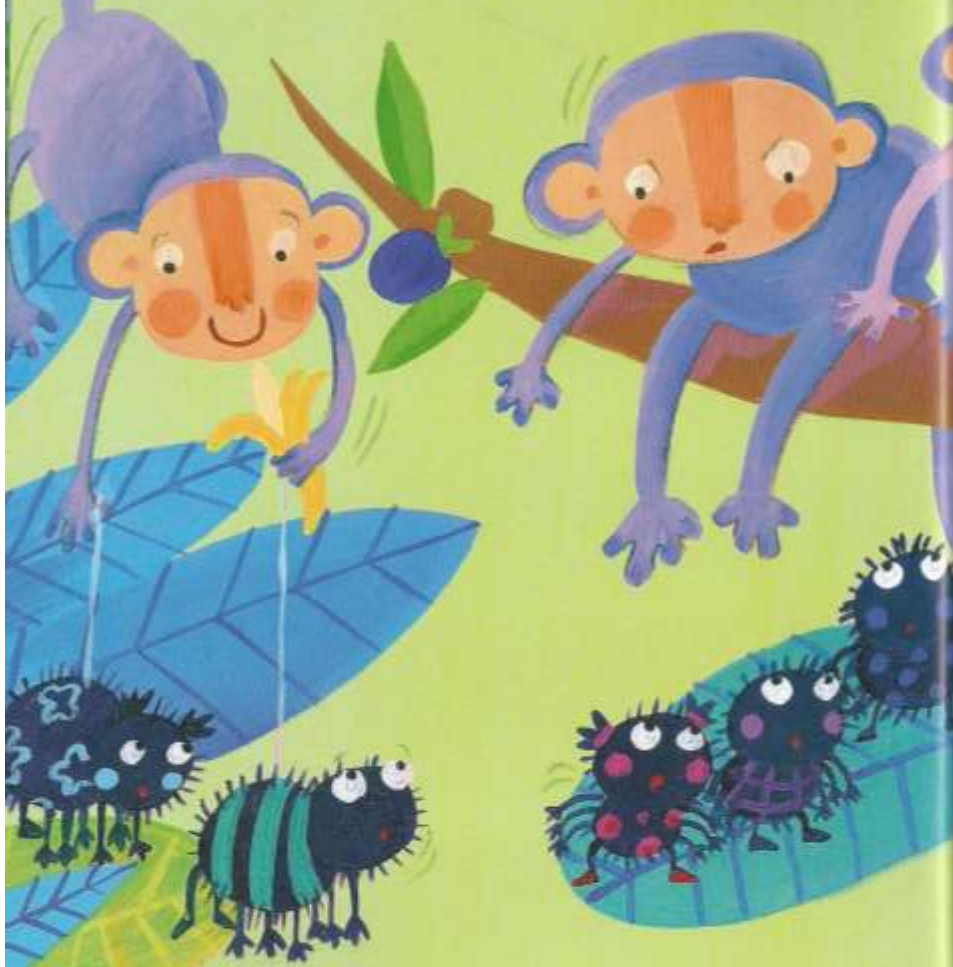


The little spiders
meet Monkey.

“Can we play with your
children?” they ask.



“No!” says Monkey.
“We don’t like your
father’s games!”

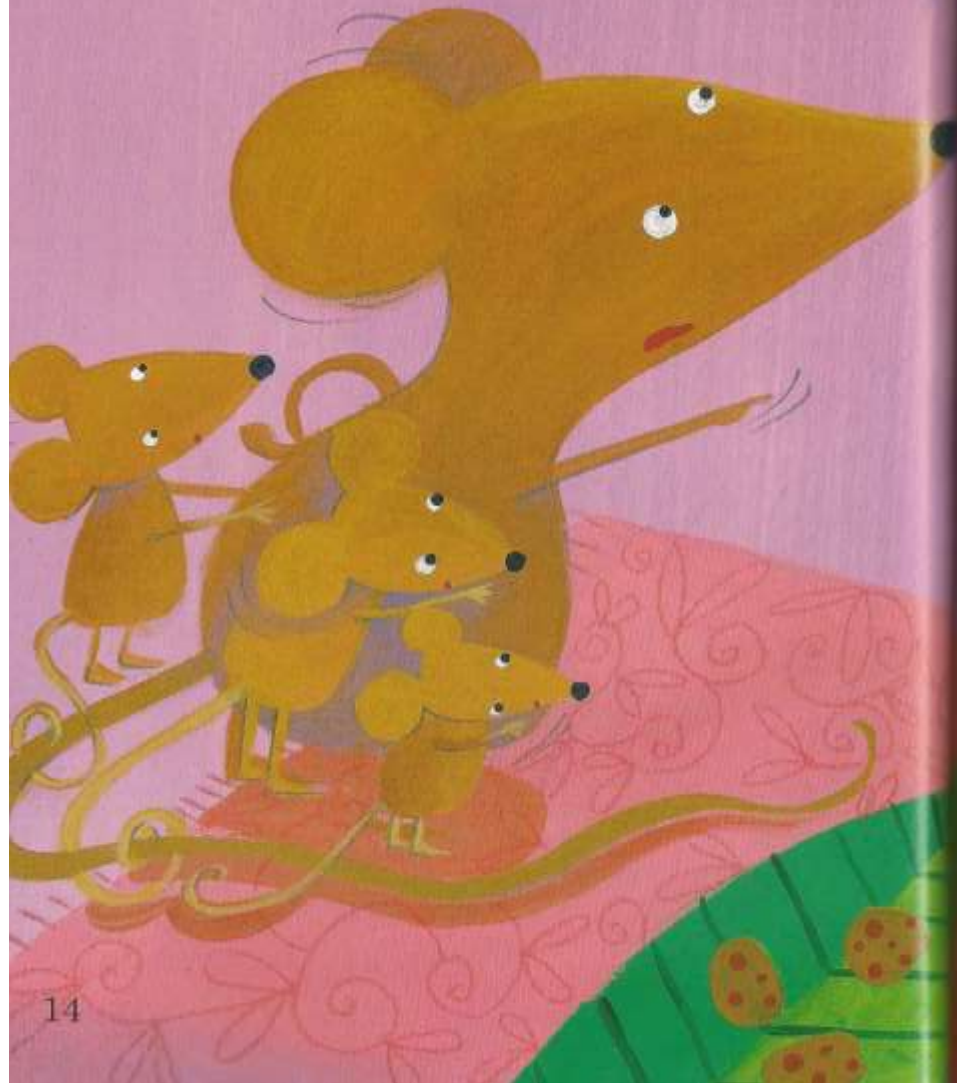


The little spiders go
to see Rat.

“Can we play with your
children?” they ask.



“No!” says Rat.
“We don’t like your
father’s games!”



The little spiders
go back to Anansi.

“Rat’s children can’t play
with us,” they say. “They
don’t like your games!”

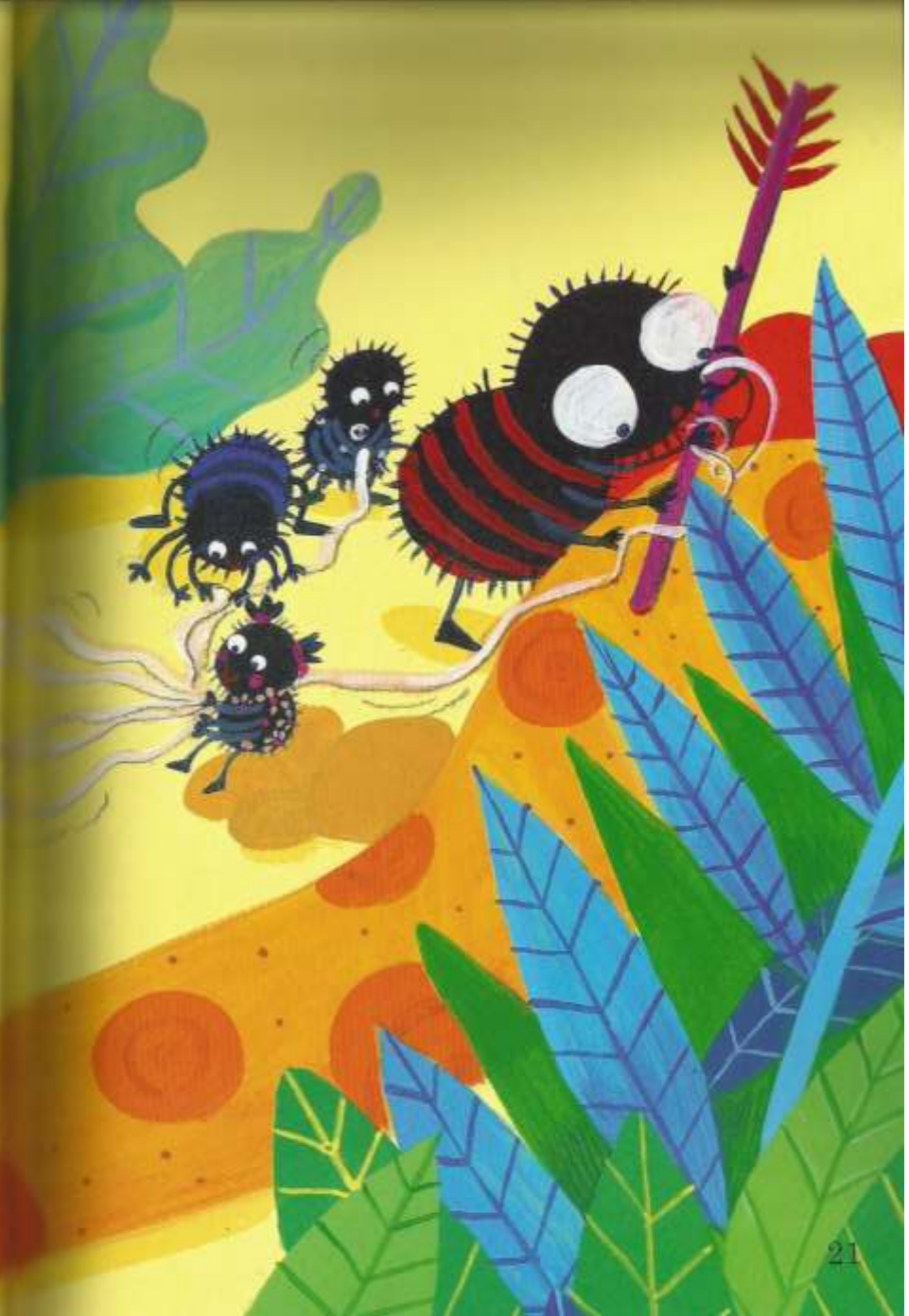


One day, Anansi and his children see Snake. There is an arrow in his body.



“We can help you, Snake,”
says Anansi.

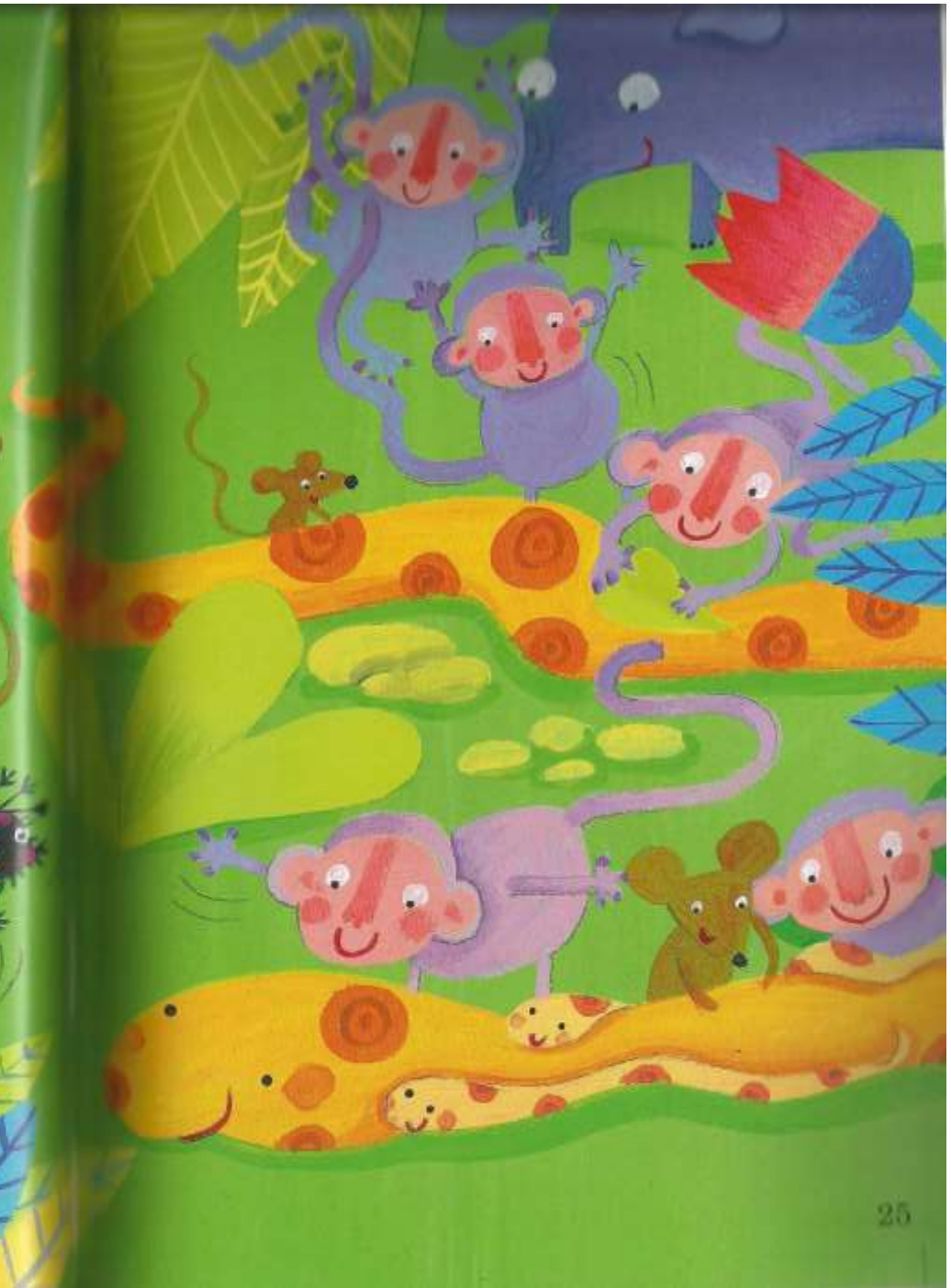
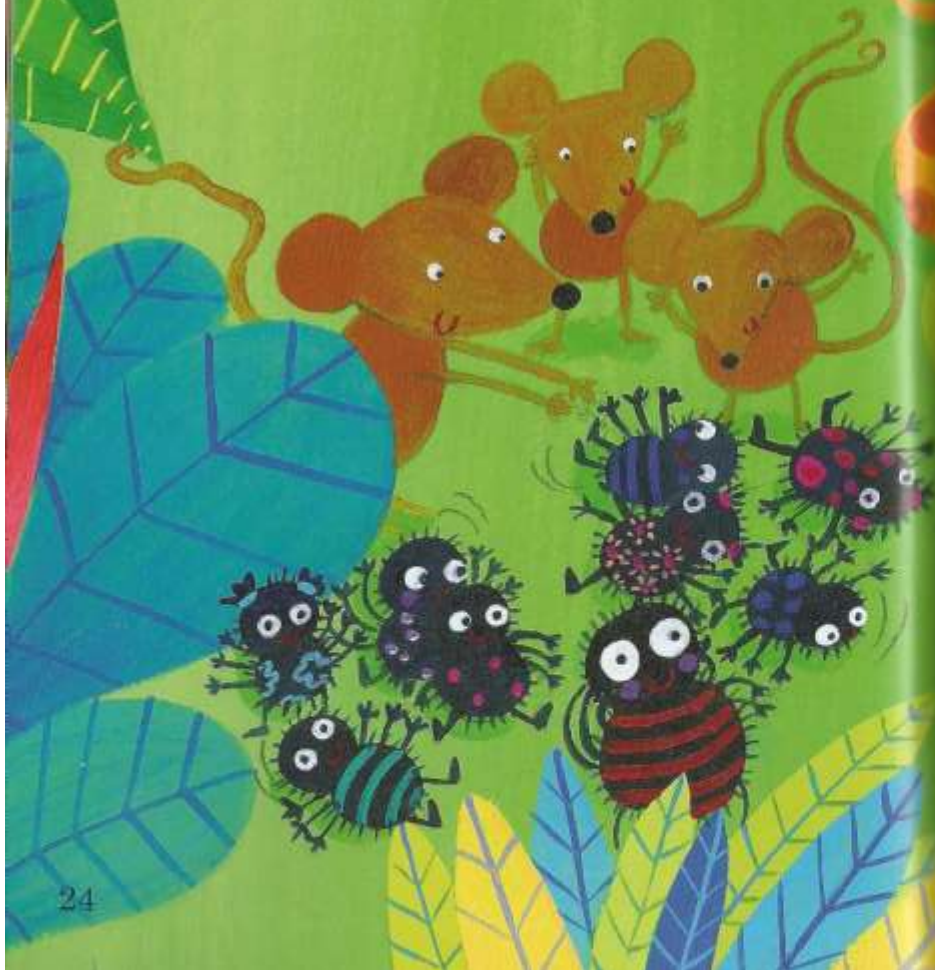
Anansi and his children
put a rope on the arrow.



“Now pull the rope,”
says Anansi. They pull
and pull and pull . . . and
they pull the arrow from
Snake’s body.



Rat and Monkey and
their children watch
Anansi and his children.
They see them help Snake.



Now, Monkey's children and
Rat's children can play with
Anansi's children!



Activities

The key below describes the skills practiced in each activity.



Spelling and writing



Reading



Speaking



Critical thinking



Preparation for the Cambridge
Young Learners Exams



1

Look and read.

Put a or a in the box.  

1



This is Anansi
the spider.



2



This is Monkey.



3



This is Snake.



4



This is an arrow.



5



These are
Rat's children.



2 Circle the correct sentence. 



a This is Rat.

b This is Cat.



a This is an arrow.

b This is a long snake.



a This is a big spider.

b This is a long rope.






a These are Anansi
the spider's children.

b These are Snake's
children.



a Snake is on the rope.

b Snake is in the tree.

3 Look at the pictures. Look at the letters. Write the words.   



o M n e y k

M o n k e y



s p d i r e



S a n e k

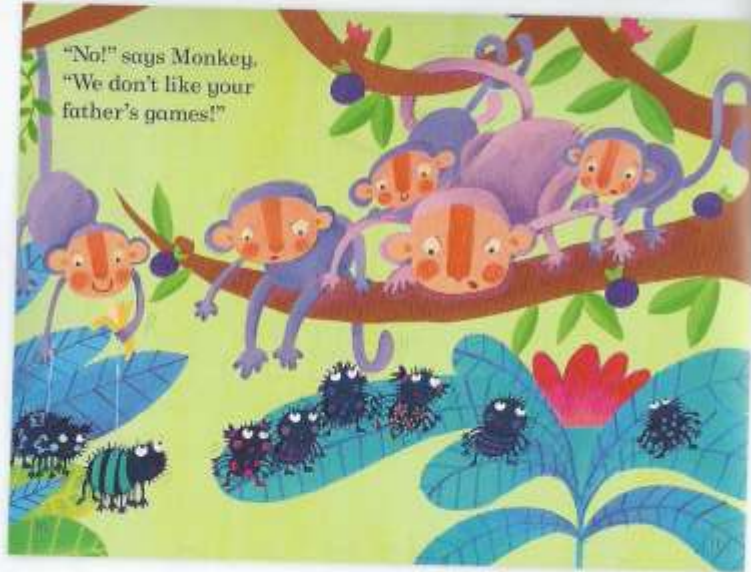


w o r r a



t R a

- 4 Work with a friend. Look at the picture. Ask and answer *How many?* questions. 🗣️



Example:

How many spiders can you see?

I can see eight spiders.

- 5 Read the text. Choose a word from the box. Write the correct word next to numbers 1—5. 📖 ✍️ 🌟

children games my We your

I live with ¹ my brothers and sisters. ² _____ want to play with Monkey's children. But Monkey says, "No! We don't like ³ _____ father's games!"

We go to see Rat. We want to play with Rat's ⁴ _____. But Rat says, "No! We don't like your father's ⁵ _____!"

6 Look and write *can* or *cannot*. 📖 ✍️

1 "We _____ can _____ help you, Snake," says Anansi.

2 Snake _____ pull the arrow from his body.

3 Anansi and his children _____ pull the rope.

4 Monkey and his children _____ see the spiders help Snake.

5 Now, Monkey's children and Rat's children _____ play with Anansi's children.

7 Ask and answer questions about the picture with a friend. 🗣️



Example:

What color is Snake?

Snake is orange.

- 8 Work with a friend. Ask and answer questions about Anansi. ?

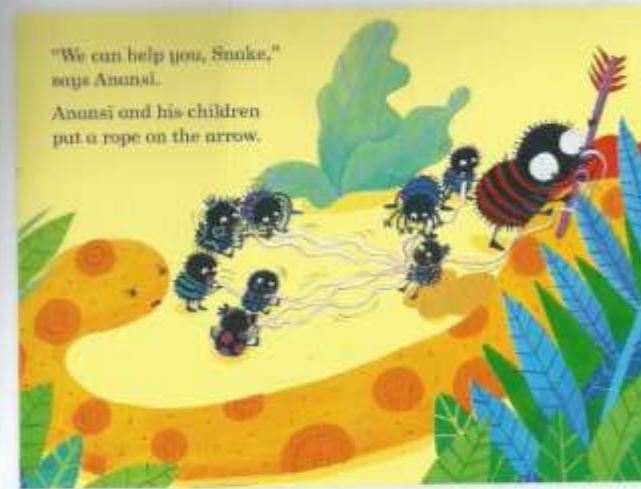


1 Why can't Monkey's and Rat's children play with Anansi's children?


Because Monkey and Rat don't like Anansi's games.

- 2 Is Anansi nice to Snake? Why?
3 What do Monkey and Rat think about Anansi now?
4 Are Anansi's children happy now?

- 9 Match the two parts of the sentence. 📖



- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Anansi wants to | a put a rope on the arrow. |
| 2 Snake has got | b the rope. |
| 3 Anansi and his children | c help Snake. |
| 4 Anansi and his children pull | d Snake's body. |
| 5 They pull the arrow from | e an arrow in his body. |

10 Work with a friend. Look at the picture. Ask and answer **Who?** questions. 



Example:

Who has got the arrow in his hands?



Anansi has got the arrow in his hands.

... is very long?

... is pulling the rope?

... has got an arrow in his body?

... is a big spider?

11 Write the questions.  

is Where Anansi ?

1 Where is Anansi?

Rat What see does ?

2 _____

with Who play can us ?

3 _____

Monkey like Does Anansi now ?

4 _____

Where children are the ?

5 _____

12 Circle the correct picture.  

1 Who likes playing?



2 Who plays in trees?






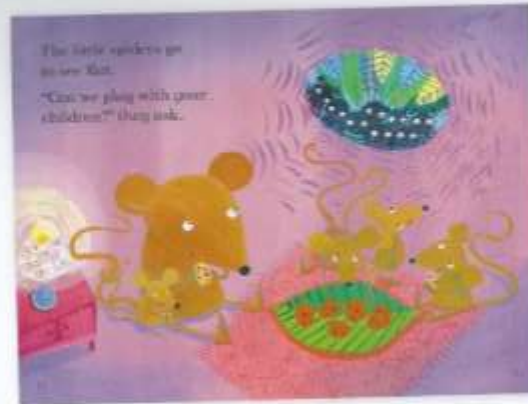
3 Who lives in a very small house under the tree?




4 Who has got long children?



13 Look and read. Write *yes* or *no*.   



- 1 Rat and his children are eating. yes
- 2 Rat is sitting on a chair. _____
- 3 Rat's children are sitting on the floor. _____
- 4 Anansi is watching Rat and his children. _____
- 5 Rat's children can see the spiders. _____


- 14 Ask and answer the questions about the picture with a friend. 

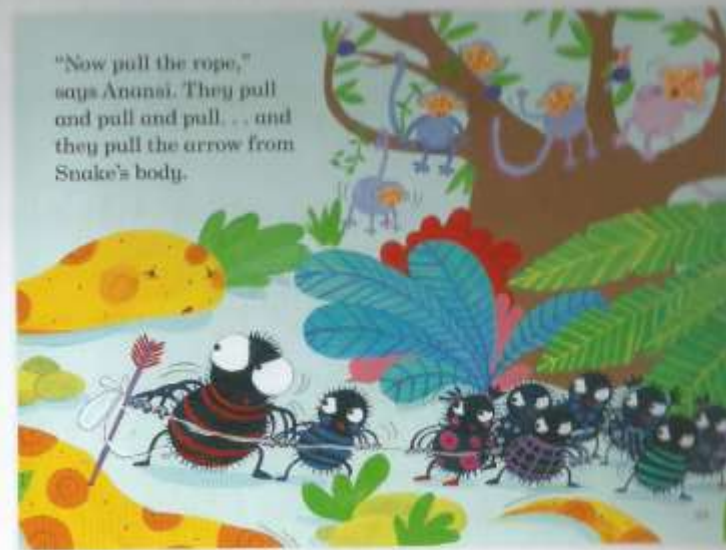


1 *Who likes Anansi now?*



Monkey, Rat, Snake, and their children like Anansi now.

- 2 Who can Anansi's children play with now?
- 3 Who has not got an arrow in his body now?
- 4 Who is pulling the rope?

- 15 Circle the correct word. 




- 1 **Who** / What is in the tree?
- 2 **What** / **Where** is in Snake's body?
- 3 **Is** / **Are** Monkey and his children watching?
- 4 **Is** / **Are** Anansi helping Snake?
- 5 **What** / **Who** are Anansi's children doing?

16 Look at 15 again and read.
Put a or a in the box.  

- 1 Can you see Anansi?
- 2 Can you see eight children?
- 3 Can you see Monkey?
- 4 Can you see Rat?
- 5 Can you see a rope?



17 Find the words. 



Anansi



Monkey



Rat



Snake



tree



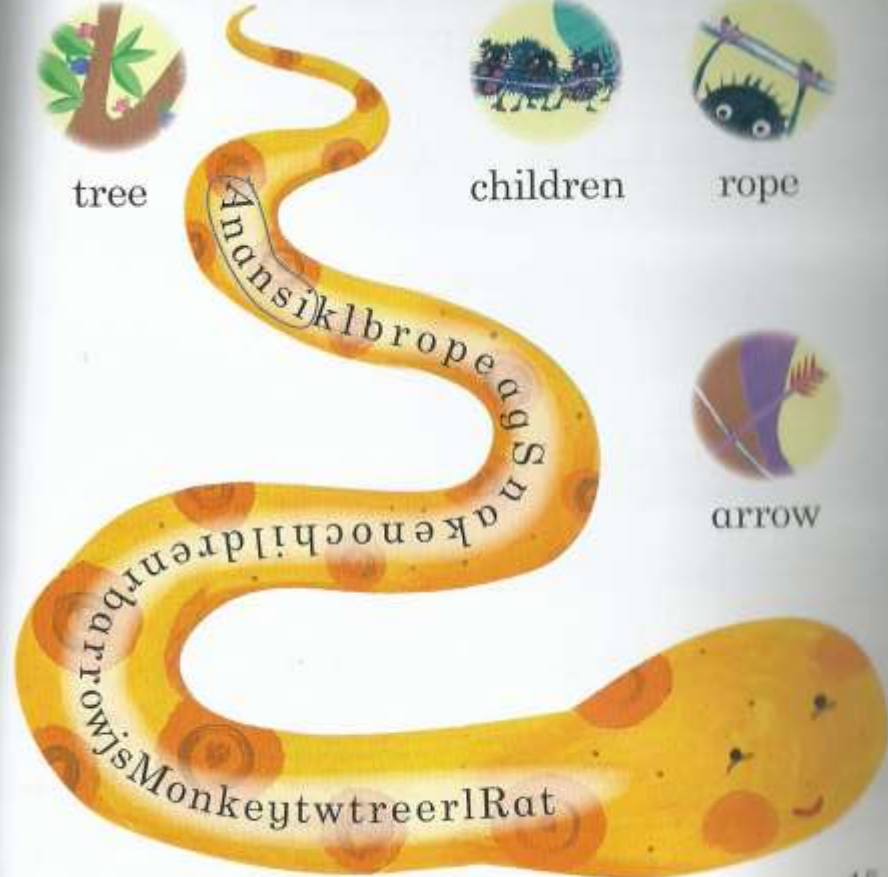
children



rope



arrow



18 Write the correct name.  



Snake



Monkey



Anansi




Anansi's children



Rat

- 1 He has got eight legs and lots of children. Anansi
- 2 He lives in trees with his children. _____
- 3 He is very small. He does not live in trees. _____
- 4 He is very long. _____
- 5 They have got eight legs, too. _____

19 Circle the correct sentence. 



- 1 a Monkey's children are purple.
b Monkey's children are yellow.
- 2 a Anansi's children are spiders.
b Anansi's children are not spiders.
- 3 a Anansi's children do not want to play with Monkey's children.
b Anansi's children want to play with Monkey's children.
- 4 a "Can we play with your children?" they ask.
b "Can we play in your tree?" they ask.

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Anansi's children are not happy. Monkey and Rat's children do not want to play. But one day, Anansi and his children help Snake.

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