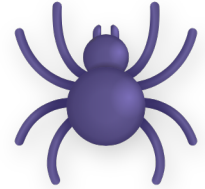


Read each myth or legend carefully. Use details from the passage to answer the questions in complete sentences.

## Anansi and the Bananas

"I am so hungry!" grumbled Anansi the Spider. In Caribbean tales, Anansi is a clever trickster. One day, he saw big Tiger with tasty bananas. Tiger loved to boast.



Anansi couldn't fight Tiger, so he used his wits! He challenged Tiger:

"Can you hold these bananas AND lift this giant rock?" Tiger said, "I can!"

Tiger put down the bananas and struggled with the rock. "Hold it, Anansi!" he puffed. Anansi watched.

While Tiger struggled, Anansi quickly grabbed the bananas and scurried away. Tiger was left holding the rock, feeling foolish.



This story teaches that cleverness is better than strength. Anansi always wins with his smart mind.



### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character in this myth, and what is their role?

- (A) Anansi, a strong fighter    (B) Tiger, a clever trickster  
(C) Anansi, a clever trickster    (D) Tiger, a boasting animal

(2) In this myth, Anansi had to use his wits to get the \_\_\_\_\_.



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**(3) What does the word "boast" mean as it is used in the story?**

- A to share food    B to show off    C to be quiet    D to feel hungry

**(4) Why did Anansi challenge Tiger to lift the rock? What does this tell us about Anansi?**

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**(5) What do you think this myth was trying to teach? How does its message connect to something in real life today?**

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