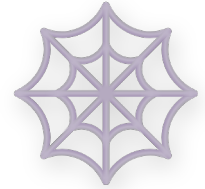


Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions using clues from the text.

### The Spider's Orb Web: A Clever Trap

A small spider began to build its home between two tall blades of grass. First, it carefully shot out a sticky silk thread. The thread floated on the breeze until it stuck to the second blade. The spider walked across this new bridge, pulling more silk behind it.



Then, the spider started to make spokes, like the wheel of a bicycle. It worked very slowly and precisely, connecting each spoke to the center. After that, it spun a spiral of even stickier silk between the spokes. This part of the web looked like a perfect circle. The spider waited quietly in the middle.



#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- (1) Based on the passage, what can you conclude about the spider's web?
- (A) The web is built quickly and without much thought.
  - (B) The web is designed to catch something.
  - (C) The web is a place for the spider to sleep safely.
  - (D) The web is only for other spiders to visit.
- (2) What does the passage suggest about why the spider made the silk sticky?
- (A) It made the silk sticky so it could climb better.



- B It made the silk sticky to hold the blades of grass together.
- C It made the silk sticky to trap small insects.
- D It made the silk sticky because it likes to play with it.

**(3) The author mentions the spider 'worked very slowly and precisely' most likely to show that...**

- A the spider was tired from building.
- B the spider was careful and skilled at building its web.
- C the spider did not know how to build a web well.
- D the spider wanted to take a long time to finish.

**(4) Which statement is NOT well-supported by evidence from the passage?**

- A The spider uses silk to build its web.
- B The spider waits in its web after building it.
- C The spider builds its web in a tree.
- D The spider builds its web in stages, like making spokes first.

**(5) What clues in the passage helped you figure out why the spider waited quietly in the middle of its web? Write one sentence.**

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