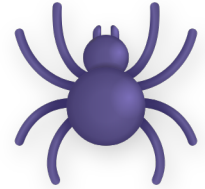


Read each myth or legend carefully. Use details from the passage to answer the questions in complete sentences.

Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock



In the sunny lands of West Africa, where clever Anansi the Spider lived among the people and animals. Anansi, known for his tricks, was always looking for ways to get food without working. One day, he found a strange moss-covered rock in the forest. When he said, "What a fine, moss-covered rock!" he fell fast asleep! He woke up hungry and realized his trick.



Anansi decided to use this magic rock to trick the other animals. He invited them to a great feast. As each animal passed the rock, Anansi would trick them into saying, "What a fine, moss-covered rock!" and they would fall asleep, leaving their food for Anansi to eat.



One day, a little turtle saw Anansi's trick. Turtle pretended to fall asleep, then watched Anansi eat all the food. The next day, Turtle told all the other animals. Anansi's trick was discovered, and from that day on, the animals were much wari-er of Anansi's clever schemes. This story teaches us that even the cleverest tricksters can be outsmarted.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

- A Anansi, a clever trickster spider.
- B Nyame, the Sky God who owns all stories.



- C Mwindo, a heroic child born speaking. D Turtle, a slow but wise animal.

(2) In this myth, Anansi used a special moss-covered rock to make other animals

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(3) What does the word 'warier' mean as it is used in the story?

- A more careful and suspicious B more friendly and trusting
 C more tired and sleepy D more eager to play tricks

(4) Why did Anansi use the moss-covered rock to trick the other animals? What does this tell us about Anansi?

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

