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Tiny Helpers: Why Spiders Are Our Friends

Have you ever seen a spider and felt a little scared? Many people do, but these eight-legged creatures are actually helpful neighbors! Spiders are like tiny pest control workers in our homes, gardens, and parks.

A spider's main job is to be a hunter. They love to eat insects. A single spider can catch hundreds of bugs like flies, mosquitoes, and gnats in one week! This is great news for us. Flies and mosquitoes can carry germs, and mosquito bites can be itchy. By eating these insects, spiders help keep us healthier and more comfortable. Imagine how many more bugs would buzz around your picnic without spiders on patrol!

Gardeners love spiders because they protect plants. Spiders eat insects that like to munch on leaves, like aphids and caterpillars. When spiders are in a garden, farmers don't need to use as many chemical sprays on the food we eat, like strawberries and tomatoes. This helps our planet by keeping the soil and water cleaner. Spiders also help farmers save money because they don't have to buy as much spray.



Even though they are helpful, it's always best to watch spiders from a distance and not touch them. Most spiders are shy and would rather hide than meet a person. So, the next time you see a spider, you don't have to be frightened. Remember that this amazing animal is working hard, every single day, to make our world a little bit better.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - a) Spiders are scary creatures.
 - b) Spiders are helpful to humans.
 - c) Spiders love to eat strawberries.
 - d) Spiders are the best hunters.

2. How do spiders help reduce the use of chemical sprays?
 - a) They invent new kinds of sprays.
 - b) They eat the pests, so farmers don't need as many sprays.
 - c) They warn farmers about bad insects.
 - d) They clean the sprays off the plants.

3. What might happen in a garden if all the spiders suddenly disappeared? Use information from the passage to make a prediction.
