

# SPIDER IN THE NIGHT

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**You have a choice for your assignment.  
Do a) or b) and write at least 200 words.**

a) Re-write the story from the spider's point of view. Is the spider evil? Is the spider hungry? Is the spider scared? Tell the spider's story!

b) Finish the story. Write a long part V about what happens with the spider. Is the spider dangerous? Can the spider talk?



## I.

I was lying in my bed and the lights were out. Before I went to bed, I could hardly keep my eyes open. I really wanted to get to sleep, but now, in bed, something was keeping me awake. I was warm and cozy. I didn't have any fights or problems with my friends or parents that were on my mind. My life was okay. But something in the room was different. Did I hear something? Did I see something moving in the dark? Something on the ceiling?

## II.

Then I saw it – or him, or her. Something moving on the ceiling. When a car drove by and the light came through the window, I saw the big, black, shiny spider on the ceiling. It was over near the corner, above my bookshelf. At first, it was just there. When the car was gone, I knew where to look and I could still see it in the dark. After a moment, it moved. It moved just a little bit – toward the center of the room. Then it moved again, closer to the center of the room. If it moved a few more times, it would be above my bed.

## III.

The spider moved again and again and again. And then the spider stopped, still on the ceiling, directly above my face. Above my face! When another car drove by I could see the shiny spider directly above my face. Then, while it was still in the light, it suddenly dropped and disappeared. I heard it land on the pillow right beside my head. The car was gone. I could hear my heart beating – and I could hear the spider moving on the pillow.

## IV.

Then I felt it on my face. First, it touched my ear. Then it crawled across my cheek. It stopped on my nose. When another car drove by I could see the spider's eight shiny eyes looking into my eyes. I wanted to smack it or swish it away. Or I wanted to scream and run away. But I was frozen in place. The spider just sat on my nose and looked me in the eye.

## V.

What happens next?