

### Anansi and the Turtle

One day, Anansi picked some sweet potatoes from his garden. He baked them in the fire until they were deliciously golden and tender. Just as Anansi was about to sink his teeth in, he heard a knock on his door.

"Oh, no!" thought Anansi. "Who can that be?" Reluctantly, he opened the door. There was Turtle, who looked very weary. Turtle said, "Anansi, please let me in. I've walked extremely far today, and I'm tired and hungry." Anansi let him in.

Anansi was too selfish to share his scrumptious sweet potato snack with anybody so he came up with a sneaky plan. Just as Turtle sat down at the table and reached for some sweet potatoes, Anansi yelled at him,

"Turtle, your hands are all dirty! Go wash them before you contaminate your food." Turtle's hands were covered in brown sand. So he plodded to the river and washed his hands.

Meanwhile Anansi had started gobbling up the snacks. By the time Turtle got back, he saw that the sweet potatoes were all gone and Anansi was lying on his back, rubbing his belly. Turtle looked at Anansi. "Thank you for inviting me to dinner. If you are ever near my house, please come by and let me return the favour," said Turtle before crawling away to his house.

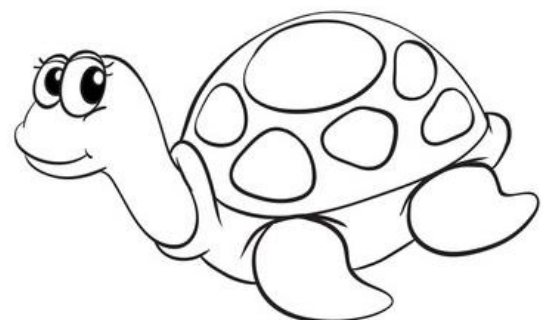
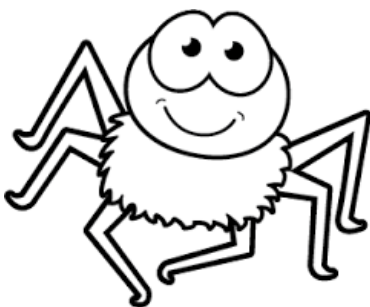
A week later Anansi decided that it was time for Turtle to return the favour and feed him a free dinner. Anansi walked to Turtle's house just as the sun was going down over the river. Turtle was lying on a rock in the sun, warming himself up.

When Turtle saw Anansi, he said, "Hello there, Anansi, have you come to dine with me?" Anansi said, "Yes, that would be wonderful, I am as hungry as a wolf."

Turtle dived down to the bottom of the river to set the table. Anansi waited on the rocks, picturing the food he was about to eat. Turtle emerged from the water and said, "Oh Anansi, please join me for dinner." Turtle disappeared below the water again and began to devour the green leaves he had prepared. Anansi tried to dive down to the bottom of the river, but he was a spider, not a turtle, and he couldn't dive that deep.

He kept floating back up to the surface. He tried jumping, he tried diving in, but nothing helped.

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**Section A: Comprehension**

**[20]**

1. What did Anansi do after he picked sweet potatoes? (1)
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2. Why did Turtle ask Anansi to let him in? (1)
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3. What did Anansi tell Turtle to do before he was allowed to eat? (1)
- a. He told him to go fetch clean water.
  - b. He told him to go and wash his hands.
  - c. He told him to set the table.
4. What word is used to describe the way in which Turtle moves. (1)
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5. What proof is there that Anansi ate too much sweet potato while Turtle was gone? (1)
- a. His face was covered in sweet potato.
  - b. He complained about a tummy ache.
  - c. He was lying on his back rubbing his belly
6. Why is it fair to say that Turtle was not being sincere when he thanked Anansi for inviting him to dinner and offering to return the favour? (1)
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7. What happened to Anansi just as he was about to take a bite of his food? (1)
- a. He heard a noise outside.
  - b. He heard Tortoise at the door.
  - c. He heard a knock on the door.
8. What was Turtle busy doing when Anansi arrived at his house? (1)
- a. He was warming himself up.
  - b. He was busy cooking dinner.
  - c. He was busy picking green leaves.

9. What does "Anansi's mouth was salivating" mean? (1)

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10. Why is it fair to say that turtle's plan to get revenge was successful? (1)

- a. Anansi had to work hard for his food.
- b. Anansi could not reach the food
- c. Anansi had to share his food with Turtle.

11. Read the sentence below and underline an example of a simile. (1)

**Anansi, have you come to dine with me?" Anansi said, "Yes, that would be wonderful, I am as hungry as a wolf."**

12. Match the words in Column A to the correct definition in Column B. Write the **correct letter** in the Answer Column. (4)

Column A	Column B	Answer column
4.1 Reluctantly	a. To appear or become visible.	4.1
4.2 Emerged	b. A cream-coloured root vegetable with a sweet flavour.	4.2
4.3 Weary	c. Feeling very happy and excited.	4.3
4.4 Parsnips	d. A kitchen tool used to dice vegetables.	4.4
	e. Feeling extremely tired and fatigued.	
	f. To do something in an unwilling, hesitant manner.	

13. Do you think Turtle is a good or a bad character? Give a reason for your answer. (1)

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14. What do you think the moral of the story is? (1)

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15. Read the following sentence and choose the correct answer. (1)

**“Anansi was too selfish to share his scrumptious sweet potato snack.”**

- a. This sentence contains an example of an idiom.
- b. This sentence contains an example of alliteration.
- c. This sentence contains an example of a hyperbole.

16. How do you think the story ends? (1)

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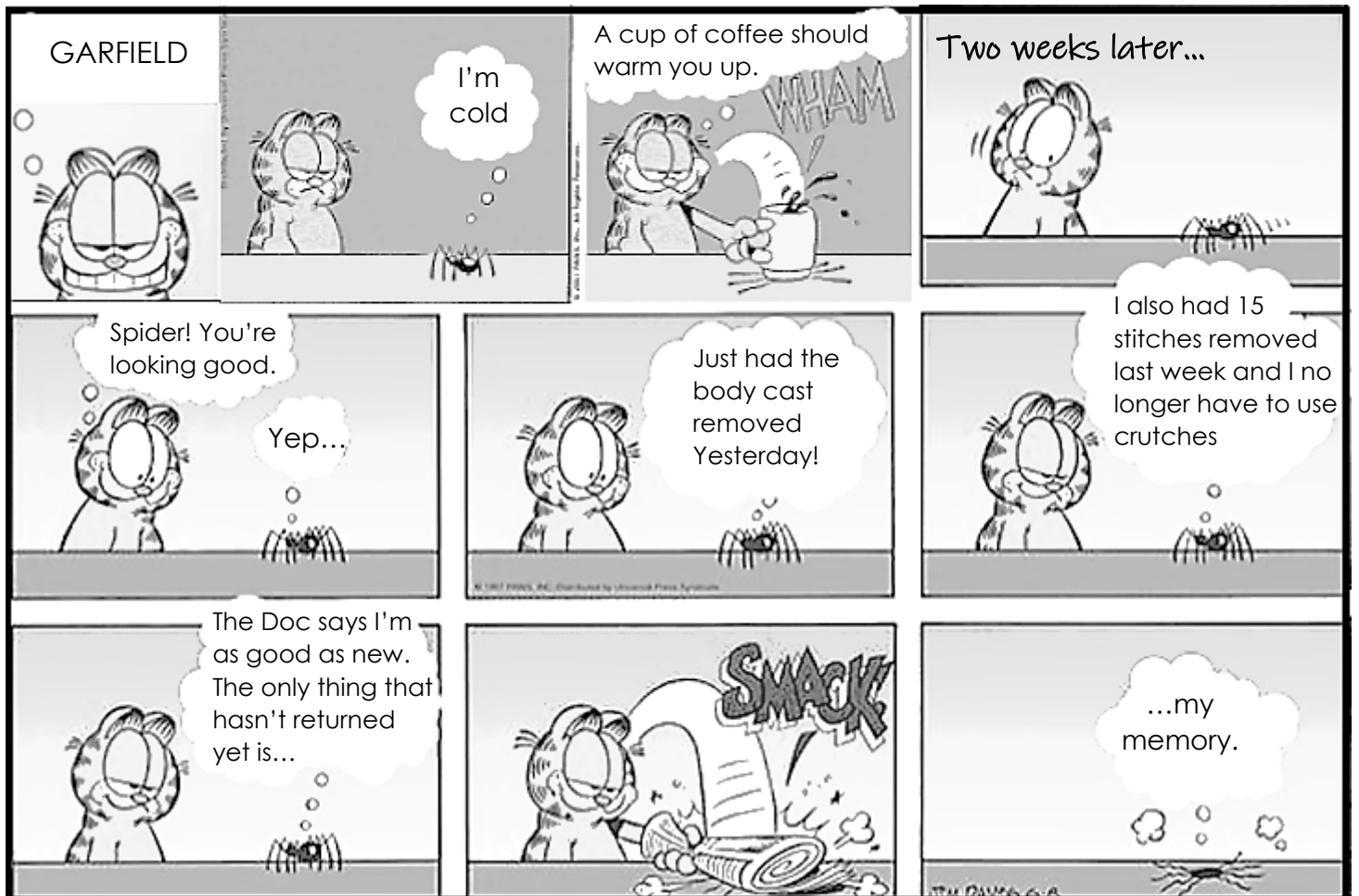
17. How do you think Anansi is feeling when he cannot reach the food Turtle prepared? Motivate your answer (1)

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**Section B – Visual Text**

**[10]**



1. What does Garfield suggest will help the spider feel less cold? (1)

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2. Name the figure of speech used in Frame 2 and Frame 8. (1)

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3. How do you know that the spider broke almost all of the bones in his body? (1)

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4. How long did it take for the spider to recover from his first injury? (1)

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5. What did the spider have to use to help him walk during his recovery period? (1)

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6. How many stitches did the spider have? Write your answer in words. (1)

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7. What simile did the doctor use to describe the spider's condition after his first injury? (1)

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8. Why was memory the last thing to return to the spider? (1)

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9. Would you describe Garfield's character as good or bad in the comic strip? Give a reason for your answer (1)

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10. In your opinion, is it fair to squash spiders for no reason? Give a reason for your answer. (1)

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**Section C – Summary Writing**

**[5]**

Read the 10 sentences below. Underline 5 sentences that best summarise the text.

- a. Anansi and the Turtle by Africanstorybook is a fable set at a riverside.
- b. Anansi and the Turtle by Aricanstorybook is a fairytale set in a forest.
- c. Turtle prepared a delicious snack for Anansi and himself to enjoy.
- d. Anansi prepared a delicious snack when he heard a surprising knock on the door.
- e. Turtle was exhausted and reached for a sweet potato when he was asked to go and wash his hands.
- f. Turtle excitedly washed his hands as he prepared for the feast.
- g. When Turtle returned Anansi had eaten most of the snacks. Turtle offered to make dinner for both of them to “return the favour”.
- h. Anansi waited patiently for Turtle to return before devouring his snack.
- i. Anansi took Turtle up on his offer and went to have dinner with him.
- j. Turtle was excited to have Anansi join him for dinner.

**Section D – Language in context**

**[15]**

1. Identify the **predicate** in the following sentence. (1)

**The greedy old spider devoured all the sweet potatoes.**

Predicate: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Change the following sentence into the **past continuous tense**. (1)

Anansi ate all of the delicious snacks.

3. Look at the sentences in column A and match them to an example in Column B. Write the **correct letter** in the answer column. (3)

Column A	Column B	Answer
3.1 The underlined part of the sentence is an adjective.	a. Anansi ( <b>who was starving</b> ) could hear his stomach rumbling.	3.1
3.2 The underlined part of the sentence contains parenthesis.	b. Turtle <b>swiftly</b> emerged from the water and said that dinner was ready.	3.2
3.3 The underline word in the sentence is an adverb.	c. <b>“Oh, no!”</b> thought Anansi. “Who can that be?”	3.3
	d. Anansi watched Turtle eat all the <b>delectable</b> food.	

4. What kind of **determiner** is underlined in the following sentence? (1)

Turtle wanted some of Anansi's delicious food. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Decide whether the verbs below are **regular or irregular verbs**. Write the answer on the line provided. (1)

"Anansi, you think you can outsmart me?", thought Turtle. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Read the sentence and underline the correct homophone from the brackets below. (2)

Turtle was feeling ( week / weak / wick ) after walking through the forest for a ( wick / weak / week. )

7. Read the sentence below then complete the paragraph by filling in the missing words. (1)

**Turtle was feeling quite blue about the fact that Anansi was so nasty, so he crawled back to his house near the blue river to plan his revenge.**

In the first example "blue" is used as a synonym for \_\_\_\_\_, which refers to a feeling. In the second example "blue" is used to refer to a colour.

8. Add a **suffix** to the underlined word to change its meaning. (1)

Anansi would float to the surface each time he tried to dive into the water.

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9. Add a **prefix** to the following word to change its meaning. (1)

Turtle said that it was acceptable for Anansi to wear his coat during dinner.

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10. Join the two sentences below by using an appropriate **conjunction**. (1)

Turtle was tired of Anansi's trickery. He decided to teach him a lesson.

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11. What **tense** is the following sentence written in? (1)

Anansi has lived in the same house for over twenty years.

a. present tense

b. present perfect tense

c. past tense

12. Complete the sentence by filling in the missing **auxiliary verb**.

(1)

Turtle is a wise animal who \_\_\_\_\_ teach Anansi a valuable lesson.

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