

Anansi and the Tiger

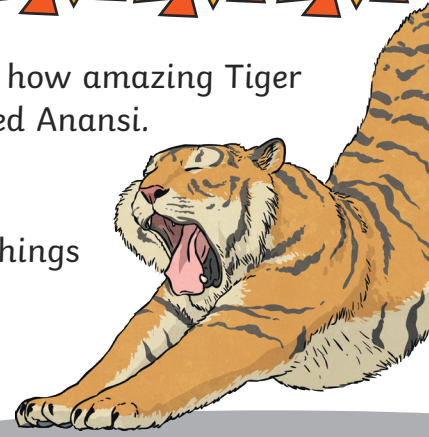
Anansi the spider was jealous of Tiger because every story spoke about how amazing Tiger was. He decided to visit the cave that Tiger lived in. "Oh, Tiger!" shouted Anansi.

"What do you want?" replied Tiger.

"Do you want to do a deal?" asked Anansi. "I will bring you any two things that you ask for and you will give me your stories."

Tiger accepted the deal because he thought that he could trick Anansi.

"OK, I want you to bring me a barrel full of bees and a python."



Anansi agreed and went to a large, buzzing tree.

"Oh, Queen Bee!" shouted Anansi.

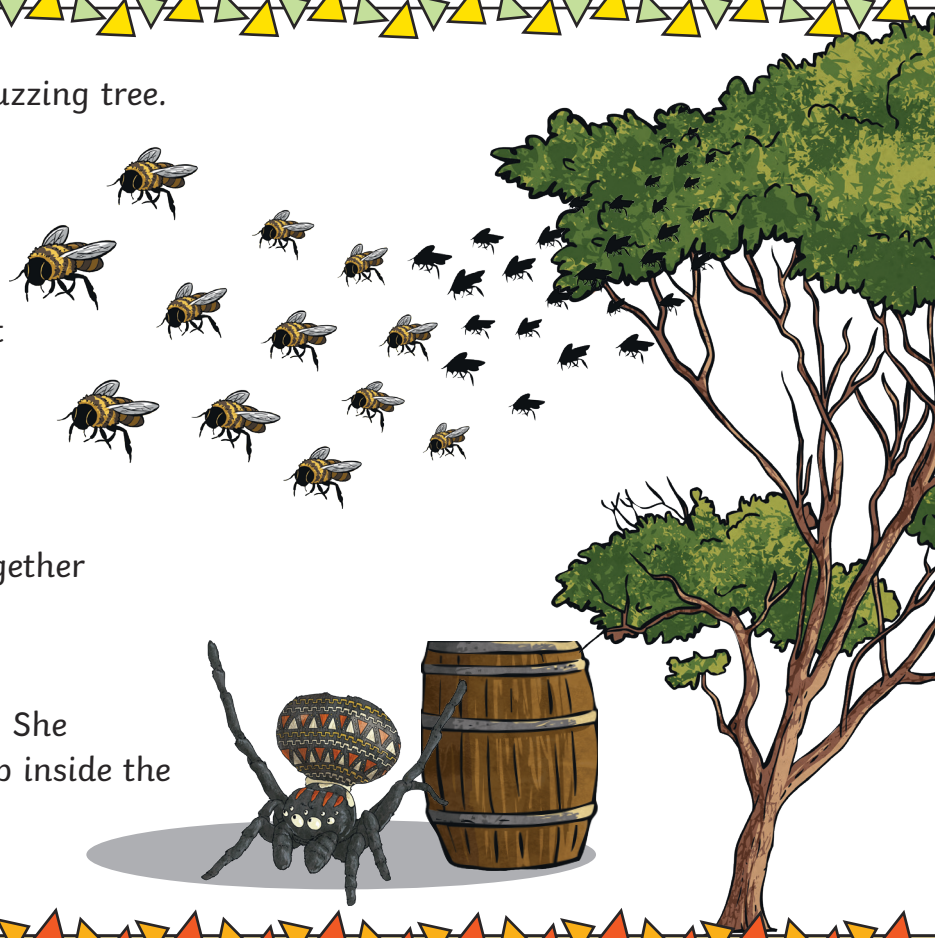
"Can I help you?" she replied.

"Is it true that bees are always arguing?" asked Anansi. "I've heard that you can't work together as a team."

"Nonsense!" replied Queen Bee. "Bees work well together and never argue."

"I bet that you couldn't even work together to fit inside this barrel," said Anansi, pointing at the barrel.

"We'll show you!" shouted Queen Bee. She whistled and the bees began to line up inside the barrel. When they were all inside, Anansi slammed on the lid.



Next, Anansi set off to find Python. When he found the snake in a branch, he shouted, "Oh, Python!"

"Why are you here?" she asked.

"Is it true that Cobra is the longest snake in the forest?" asked Anansi.

"No!" spat Python. "I am!"



"I just measured Cobra and they were as long as this stick. Could you lie against the stick to show that you are longer?" asked Anansi. Python stretched up against the stick. However, she couldn't reach the end. "You're too wriggly," explained Anansi. "I'll tie your tail to the end of the stick. Then, you'll be able to stretch to the end." When this didn't work, Anansi asked to tie Python's middle to the stick. Python agreed. The snake was now trapped on the stick so Anansi carried her back to Tiger.

Tiger was shocked. Anansi had brought both of the items he had asked for! As promised, he handed over his stories to Anansi.

If you visit the forest today, you won't hear any stories about a tiger. Instead, you will hear many tales about a spider named Anansi.



Questions

1. Which animal did Anansi visit first? Tick one.

- ☐ a spider
- ☐ a tiger
- ☐ a bee
- ☐ a snake

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in the story.

- ☐ Tiger accepted the deal.
- ☐ Anansi took Tiger's stories.
- ☐ Anansi offered Tiger a deal.
- ☐ Anansi trapped the bees.

3. What did Anansi trap the bees inside? Tick one.

- ☐ a tree
- ☐ a jar
- ☐ a barrel
- ☐ a cave

4. Draw **three** lines and match each animal to where Anansi found them.

Tiger

Queen Bee

Python

a tree

a cave

a branch

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6. Fill in the missing words.

If you visit the _____ today, you won't hear any
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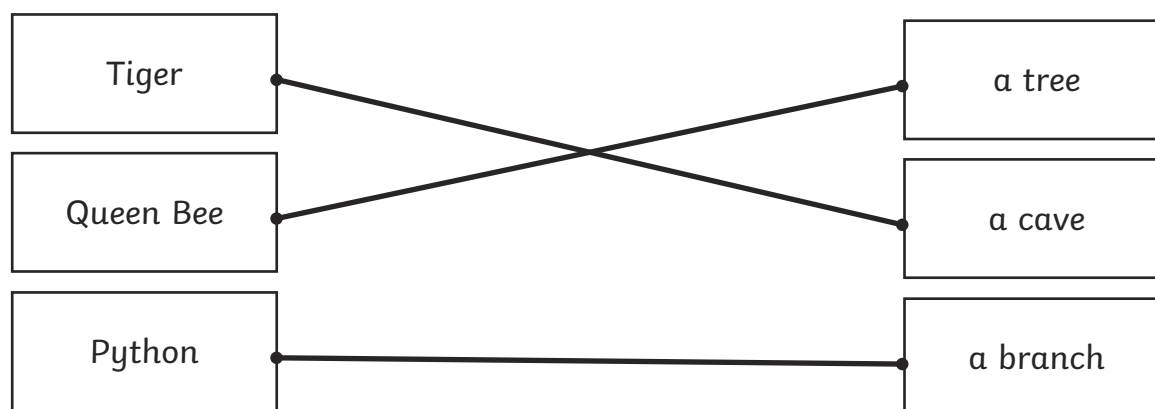
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buzzing

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If you visit the **forest** today, you won't hear any stories about a **tiger**.

7. How do you think that the bees felt when they were trapped by Anansi? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the bees felt silly because they had been tricked into going inside the barrel by a spider.

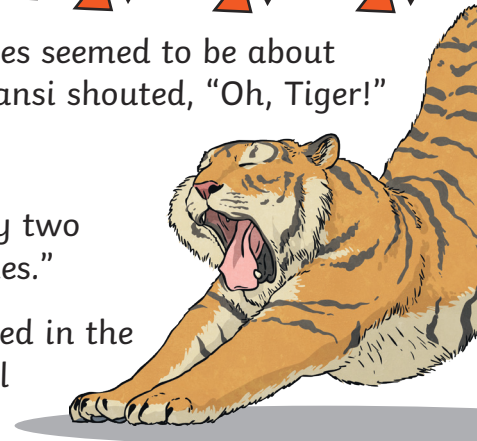
Anansi and the Tiger

Anansi the spider was jealous of Tiger because all of the forest stories seemed to be about him. So, he decided to pay the animal a visit. At the large cave, Anansi shouted, "Oh, Tiger!"

"What do you want?" snarled Tiger.

"I am here to suggest a trade," replied Anansi. "I will bring you any two things that you ask for. In return, you will give me all of your stories."

Wanting to get back at Anansi for all of the tricks that he had played in the past, Tiger accepted the trade. "OK, I want you to bring me a barrel full of bees and a python."



Anansi agreed and set off towards a large, buzzing tree. Standing by the trunk, he shouted, "Oh, Queen Bee!"

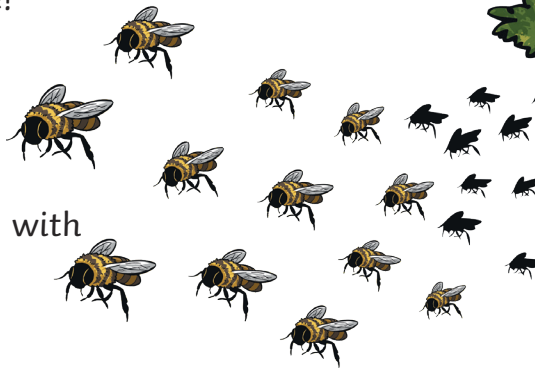
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"Is it true," began Anansi, "that bees are always arguing? I've heard that you spend all of your time squabbling with each other."

"Nonsense!" replied Queen Bee. "Bees work well together and never argue."

"I've heard that you're so rubbish at working as a team that you wouldn't even be able to gather inside this barrel," said Anansi, holding out a barrel.

"Prepare to be proved wrong!" shouted Queen Bee. She whistled and the bees immediately began to line up inside the barrel. When they were all inside, Anansi slammed on the lid.



Next, Anansi set off to find Python. When he found the snake snoozing on a nearby branch, he called up, "Oh, Python!"

"Can I help you?" she asked.

"Is it true," began Anansi, "that Cobra is the longest snake in the forest?"

"Of course not!" spat Python. "I am!"



"Oh," replied Anansi. "Well, I just measured Cobra and they were as long as this stick. Could you lie against the stick to prove that you are longer?" Python stretched up against the stick. However, she couldn't stretch herself to the end. "I see the problem," explained Anansi. "You're too wriggly. I'll tie your tail to the end of the stick. Then, you'll be able to stretch to the end." When this didn't work, Anansi offered to tie the snake's middle to the stick. Python agreed. By this point, the snake was trapped on the stick and Anansi began carrying her back to Tiger.

Tiger was shocked to see that Anansi had brought both of the items he had asked for. As promised, he handed over his stories to Anansi.

If you were to visit the forest today, you wouldn't hear any stories about a tiger. Instead, you would hear many tales about a spider named Anansi.



Questions

1. How did Tiger reply to Anansi? Tick one.

- ☐ he roared
- ☐ he snarled
- ☐ he whispered
- ☐ he shouted

2. Where did Anansi find Python? Tick one.

- ☐ snoozing on a nearby branch
- ☐ at the bottom of a large tree
- ☐ inside a large, buzzing tree
- ☐ inside a dark cave

3. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ Anansi tricked Python.
- ☐ Anansi suggested a trade to Tiger.
- ☐ Stories about a tiger disappeared.
- ☐ Anansi tricked Queen Bee.

4. **She whistled and the bees immediately began to line up inside the barrel.**

What does the word 'immediately' mean in this sentence? Tick one.

- ☐ They waited for the next instruction.
- ☐ They didn't want to line up.
- ☐ They lined up straight away.
- ☐ They lined up quickly.

5. Fill in the missing words.

"Oh," replied Anansi. "Well, I just measured _____ and they
were as long as this _____."

6. Why is Anansi jealous of Tiger?

7. Using 20 words or fewer, explain how Anansi tricked Queen Bee.

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"Oh," replied Anansi. "Well, I just measured **cobra** and they were as long as this **stick**."

6. Why is Anansi jealous of Tiger?

Anansi was jealous of Tiger because all of the forest stories seemed to be about him.

7. Using 20 words or fewer, explain how Anansi tricked Queen Bee.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Anansi tricked Queen Bee by making her bees line up inside a barrel so that he could trap them.

8. How do you think that Python was feeling as she was being carried back to Tiger's cave?
Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Python was feeling silly that she had allowed herself to be tricked by a spider and angry because she was trapped and couldn't get away.

Anansi and the Tiger

Anansi the spider had become jealous of Tiger and the many heroic stories that everyone told about him. Fed up, he decided to pay the animal a visit. Arriving at a large cave, Anansi shouted, "Oh, Tiger!" As the words echoed back to him, he could hear something stirring from the shadows.

"What do you want?" snarled Tiger.

"Hello to you too!" replied Anansi. "I am here to propose a trade. You will give me all of your stories and I will bring you any two things that you desire in return."

Sensing a way to get back at Anansi for all of the tricks that he had played on the forest creatures, Tiger agreed. "In return," he explained, "you will need to bring me a barrel full of bees and a python."

Anansi agreed and set off towards a large, hollow, buzzing tree. Putting his head close to the tree, he shouted, "Oh, Queen Bee!" Moments later, Queen Bee appeared.

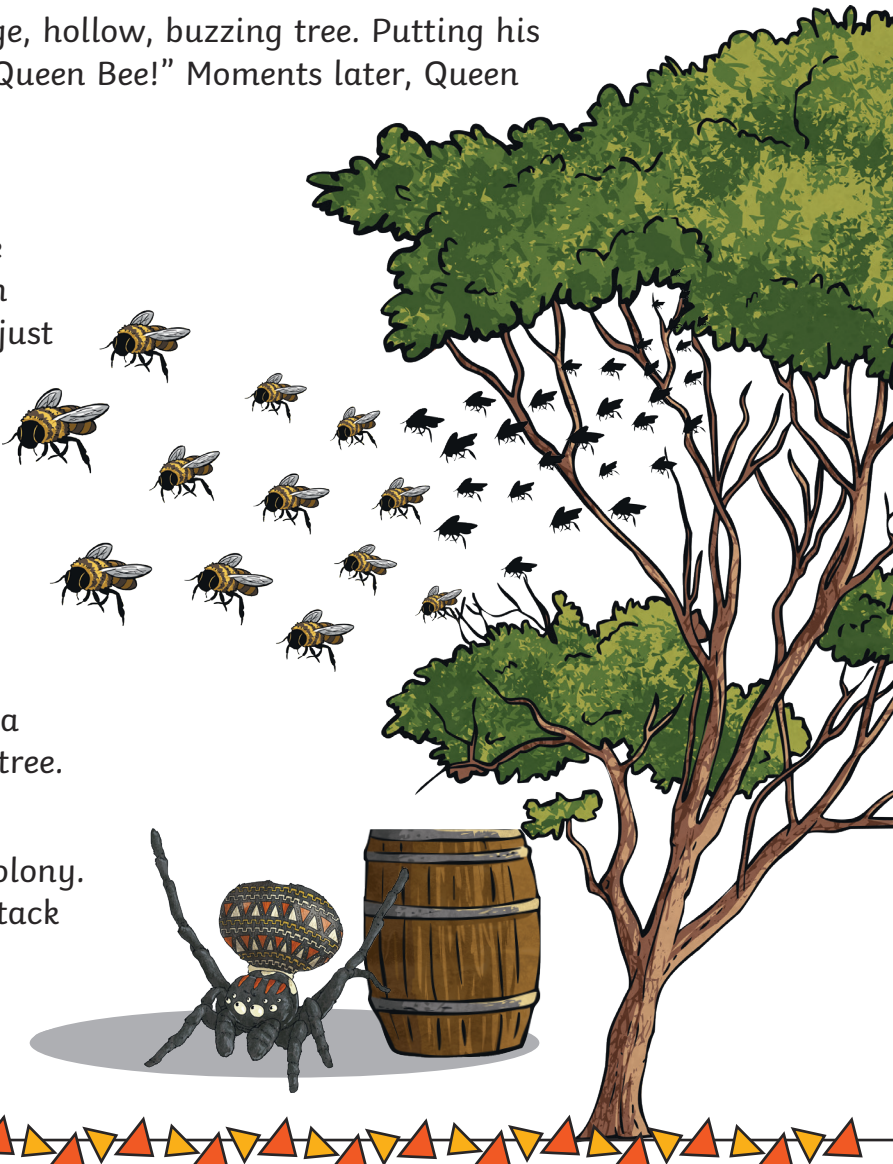
"Can I help you?" she enquired.

"Is it true," began Anansi, "that bees are always arguing? I've heard that you can never get anything done because you're just squabbling all the time."

"Nonsense!" replied Queen Bee. "Bees are known for their teamwork and never argue."

"That's not what I've heard. I've heard that you're so rubbish at working as a team that you wouldn't even be able to gather inside this barrel." He pointed at a wooden barrel sitting at the base of the tree.

"Well, prepare to be proved wrong!" exclaimed Queen Bee, whistling at the colony. Immediately, swarms of bees began to stack themselves inside the barrel. When they had finished, Anansi slammed on the lid.



Next, Anansi set off to find Python. Sure enough, he found the snake snoozing on a nearby branch. "Hello, Python," he called up.

"Can I help you?" she asked.

"Is it true," began Anansi, "that Cobra is the longest snake in the forest?"

"Of course not!" spat Python. "It is I!"

"Oh," replied Anansi. "Well, I just measured Cobra and they were as long as this stick. Maybe you could lie against the stick to prove that you are longer?" Immediately, Python stretched up against the stick. However, she couldn't stretch herself to the end. "I see the problem," explained Anansi. "You're too wriggly. I'll tie your tail to the end of the stick. That way, you'll be able to stretch to the end more easily." When this didn't work, Anansi offered to tie the snake's middle to the stick. Python agreed. With the snake now unable to move, Anansi tied her head to the stick and began carrying her towards Tiger's cave.



Meeting Anansi at the mouth of the cave, Tiger was shocked to see that he had brought the two requested items. As promised, Tiger handed over all of his stories to Anansi.

If you were to visit the forest today, you wouldn't find a tiger or any stories about a tiger. Instead, you may hear many tales about a heroic spider named Anansi.



Questions

1. Why was Anansi jealous of Tiger? Tick one.

- ☐ He was stronger than Anansi.
- ☐ He lived in the cave that Anansi wanted.
- ☐ People always told stories about him.
- ☐ He wanted to trick Anansi.

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ Anansi received all of Tiger's stories.
- ☐ Anansi set off to a large, hollow, buzzing tree.
- ☐ Anansi could hear something stirring from the shadows.
- ☐ Anansi found Python snoozing on a nearby branch.

3. **"I am here to propose a trade..."**

Write down a different word that could be used in this sentence instead of 'propose'.

4. According to Queen Bee, what are bees known for?

5. What **two** things does Tiger ask Anansi to bring him?

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Answers

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3. **"I am here to propose a trade..."**

Write down a different word that could be used in this sentence instead of 'propose'.

Accept any suitable synonym, such as: suggest; offer; recommend.

4. According to Queen Bee, what are bees known for?

According to Queen Bee, bees are known for their teamwork.

5. What **two** things does Tiger ask Anansi to bring him?

- **Tiger asks Anansi to bring him a barrel full of bees.**
- **Tiger asks Anansi to bring him a python.**

6. Describe Anansi's character.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Anansi is not a very nice character because he goes around tricking the animals in the forest. You can tell that this isn't the first time that he's tricked animals either because Tiger wants to get back at him at the beginning of the story.

7. Using 25 words or fewer, summarise how Anansi tricks Python.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Anansi tells Python that Cobra is as long as a stick. Python stretches against the stick and Anansi ties her up until she is trapped.

8. Explain how the forest today is different from the forest at the beginning of the story.

Pupils' own responses, such as: At the beginning of the story, all of the stories in the forest are about the tiger. However, at the end of the story, all of the stories in the forest are now about a heroic spider called Anansi and there is no mention of a tiger.