



## Why Anansi has thin legs!

## Story

This is Anansi the spider. He's got eight legs, a big head and a very fat body. Anansi loves eating.

Rabbit is Anansi's friend. He is cooking greens in his pot.

"Mmmm! I can smell greens!"

"They are not ready yet. Why don't you stay and wait?"

"No, I can't stay, but I've got an idea. Pull the web when the greens are ready and I'll come running!"

"Okay, Anansi!"

"Mmmm! I can smell beans!"

"Come and eat our beans with us. They are almost ready."

"No, I can't, but I've got an idea!"

"Pull the web when the beans are ready and I'll come running!"

"Okay Anansi!"

"Mmmm! I can smell sweet potatoes – with honey!"

"Yes that's right. Come and eat my food with me."

"No, I can't, but I've got an idea!"

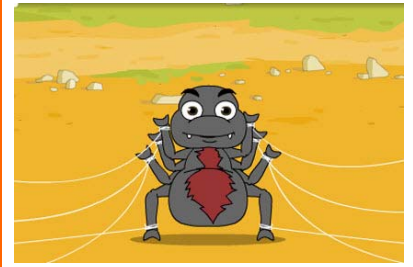
"Pull the web when the sweet potatoes are ready and I'll come running!"

"Okay Anansi!"

When Anansi arrives at the river all his eight legs are tied with webs. All the food is ready and the animals pull the webs.

Anansi falls over and his legs get thinner and thinner.

"Maybe that wasn't a good idea after all! Look at my thin legs. Oh well, maybe there's some food at home."



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