

Spiders

Approach: Station

Level: Year 4 and year 8

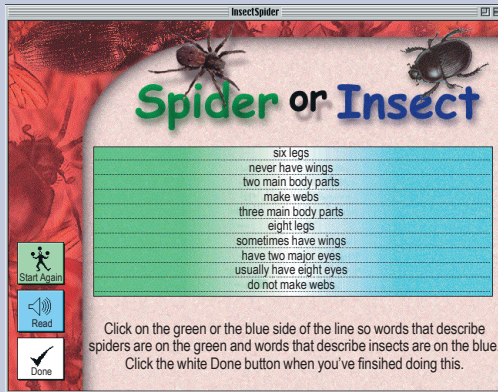
Focus: Knowledge of differences between spiders and insects.

Resources: Computer, mouse, headphones, mousepad, Hypercard® programme.

Questions/instructions:

This activity is done on the computer. The computer should show the home page. If it doesn't tell the teacher.

Click the button that says "Spiders". The computer will tell you what to do.



SPIDER	INSECT	% responses	
		y4	y8
	six legs	67	81
never have wings		76	88
two main body parts		61	72
make webs		93	98
	three main body parts	64	73
eight legs		85	92
	sometimes have wings	83	94
	have two major eyes	67	77
usually have eight eyes		80	85
	do not make webs	88	95
Number correct:		10	23
		8-9	39
		6-7	21
		3-5	14
		0-2	8

Commentary:

Students performed well on this task with about 20 percent more year 8 than year 4 students getting a perfect score. The weakest area of knowledge concerned the number of body parts for insects and spiders.