## **READING PASSAGE**

## **The Amazing Spider**

A spider is an amazing animal. It can build its own home and it doesn't even have to chop wood or buy a saw. Before the spider begins to build, it looks for the perfect spot. A spider usually likes to live in a grassy area where lots of insects can get caught in its web. Then the spider eats the insects for dinner. The spider also has to figure out which way the wind is blowing. The wind has to be on the spider's back before it is able to make its house.

After it finds a good place to live, it is ready to spin its webs. The spider has glands in its stomach that produce a silky liquid. It jumps from one side of the house and is carried by a rush of wind to the other side. As it travels through the air, the liquid comes out. As soon as the liquid hits the air it becomes solid, making a fine, tough thread. The spider uses the first thread as a bridge to travel from one side to the other. Then it continues to build its web strand by strand until its home is complete.