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SPIDERS ARE GOOD LUCK

It was late at night. Jim couldn't sleep. He went to his mother's room.

"What is it? Why can't you sleep?" his mother asked. "Are you cold?"

"No, I'm warm," Jim said. "I can't sleep because a spider lives in my room."

"Now, Jim. You know spiders are good luck," his mother said.

"Yes, I know that," he said. "And I know you say that they are helpful. But it is an ugly, scary, brown spider."

Jim's mother came into his room. "Let me see," she said. "Can you see any mosquitoes in your room?"

"No," Jim said.

"The spider catches them for you so you can sleep," his mother said. She pointed at the spider web. "See these bugs? They can't bother you now." Jim could see three mosquitoes in the web.

"What do you want me to do? Shall I put the spider outside?" Jim's mother asked him.

Jim thought about that. He didn't like spiders, but he really hated mosquitoes. "No, thank you," he said. "I think I will try to like spiders now."

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Answer the questions about *SPIDERS ARE GOOD LUCK*

1. Why can't Jim sleep?
   a. He is hungry.
   b. He is afraid of spiders.
   c. He is not tired.
   d. It is too hot in his room.

2. How many mosquitoes are flying around in Jim's room?
   a. Only one.
   b. About ten.
   c. Hundreds!
   d. None.

3. What does Jim's mother do with the spider?
   a. She feeds it a mosquito.
   b. She puts it outside.
   c. She leaves it alone.
   d. She flattens it with a shoe.

4. How does Jim feel about the spider at the end of the story?
   a. He tries to like it.
   b. He hates it.
   c. He wants it to go outside.
   d. He wants to pet it.
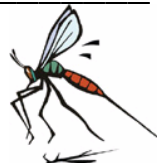
5. Are you afraid of spiders? Why or why not?

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Answers for *SPIDERS ARE GOOD LUCK*

1. b
2. d
3. c
4. a
5. Answers will vary.