

T. A. Barron's Adventure for Young Readers

TREE GIRL

Chapter 10 — Questions and Activities

Language Arts: Similes

“Simile” is a fun word, isn’t it? It looks a lot like “Smile” but it is actually pronounced “*sim-a-lee*.”

A *simile* is a figure of speech that compares two different things using “as” or “like.” You’ve probably used and heard a lot of similes. Some popular similes are “*quick as lightning*” or “*crazy as a fox*.” In this chapter Anna said she was “fast as a seal” and “fast as an owl.”

- 🌱 This video does a good job of explaining similes:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROmKMtLWY14>.
- 🌱 This website has a lot of worksheets for practicing with similes. Click the link and download the worksheet for your grade: <https://englishlinx.com/similes/>.

Art: Tricks of Light and Shadow

As Sash was being rescued, he reached up and grabbed the rim of the tree trunk. Anna saw a paw... and then a hand, and then a paw. At first she thought it was a trick of light. Sometimes, light and shadows can make something look different than what it really is. This can happen a lot, especially at night when outdoor lights cast shadows into a room. Has that ever happened to you?

Shadows don’t need to be tricky or scary. In fact, you can make your own shadow puppets and put on a show.

- 🌱 This video will show you how to make shadow puppets using your hands:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz8wP2RYy64>
- 🌱 You can print and cut out these shapes to use to make shadows:
<https://eatmovemake.com/how-to-make-animal-shadow-puppets/>.



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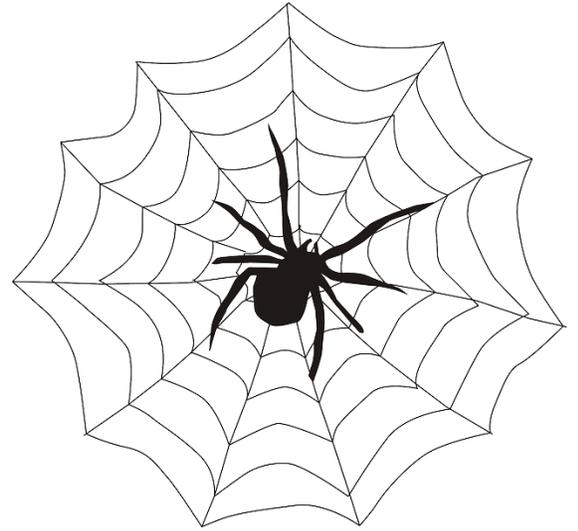
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Science: Spider Webs

Have you noticed there are a lot of spider webs in this book? Anna cleaned out the spider webs in the cottage, there were spider webs in the forest, and in this chapter Sash was covered in spider webs when he emerged from the tree trunk.

Spiders make sticky webs made from silk to trap their prey. They are very thin but very strong! You can learn more about spider webs using the resources below:

- 🌿 How Does a Spider Make Its Web? (video): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfmchU_HtXQ
- 🌿 What are Spider Webs Made from and How Strong are They? (article): <https://theconversation.com/curious-kids-what-are-spider-webs-made-from-and-how-strong-are-they-91824>
- 🌿 What do Spiders Eat? (article): <https://animalsake.com/what-do-spiders-eat>
- 🌿 Spider Web Vibrations (activity): <https://buggyandbuddy.com/spider-web-science-activity-for-kids/>
- 🌿 Spider Reading Comprehension Activity: <https://www.twinkl.com/resource/t-l-51690-spiders-differentiated-reading-comprehension-activity>
 - Requires free site registration



Mini-Book: We haven't been introduced to any new trees in this chapter but that doesn't mean we can't keep learning about them! A tree with a really fun name is the Monkey Puzzle Tree. Learn more about this tree and add a new page to your book.

- 🌿 Monkey Puzzle Tree Facts: https://www.softschools.com/facts/plants/monkey_puzzle_facts/2722/
- 🌿 Monkey Puzzle Tree Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVEbz_gd-dM



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Sociology: The You Inside

In this chapter, we learned that Sasha is a *drumalo*. "Drumalo" is word author T. A. Barron made up for beings with a special skill to appear as one thing or another. Sash looked like a bear cub but, inside, he was a boy.

Sometimes, we try to be a sort of drumalo; to be seen as something different than what we are. Some people try to appear smarter or cooler than they feel on the inside because they think that's what they need to do to get people to like them.

Everyone has special things about themselves. Some people learn quickly, some have a great sense of style, and others have a terrific sense of humor. You don't need to be a drumalo to make friends. You are great just the way you are.

Make a collage: Gather old magazines and look for images and text that describe what makes you special. Cut them out and make a collage that you can keep to remind you of how great you are.

