Does this **bug** you?

Stories and photographs by Peter



This boy has a spider tattoo so real it would fool even you. It stays on his arm and causes no harm. It's Halloween fun and pet too.



One way to eat grasshoppers: Fly to Uganda. Take a left in Kampala. Cross a stream. Stand in a field and let someone who lives in the neighborhood catch grasshoppers. Boil them. Roast them over a flame or in a pan. Deep fry them until golden brown. Another way to eat grasshoppers: Be a bird, lizard, spider or rodent.



My Aunt Gi has a neighbor Ant Gi. Confused? Not Me. Here's how I tell them apart: Aunt Gi is named after her Papa's oldest cousin. Gi is short for Gina. Ant Gi is named because she is a big bug. Gi is short for giant.

Aunt Gi's mom is a retired nurse who has 4 children and 5 grandchildren. She is my Nona. Ant Gi's mom is a queen who has laid thousands of eggs with thousands to come. She is non-stop. Aunt Gi has 2 legs, 2 ears, 2 lungs and 1 stomach.

Ant Gi has 6 legs, no ears, no lungs and 2 stomachs – one for her and one to share food with others.

Aunt Gi invites me to all of her picnics. She spoils me.

Ant Gi is never invited to picnics but always shows up with lots of her tiny friends. She bugs me.



Chloe found a caterpillar.

She named him Harold.

Is their first photograph together:

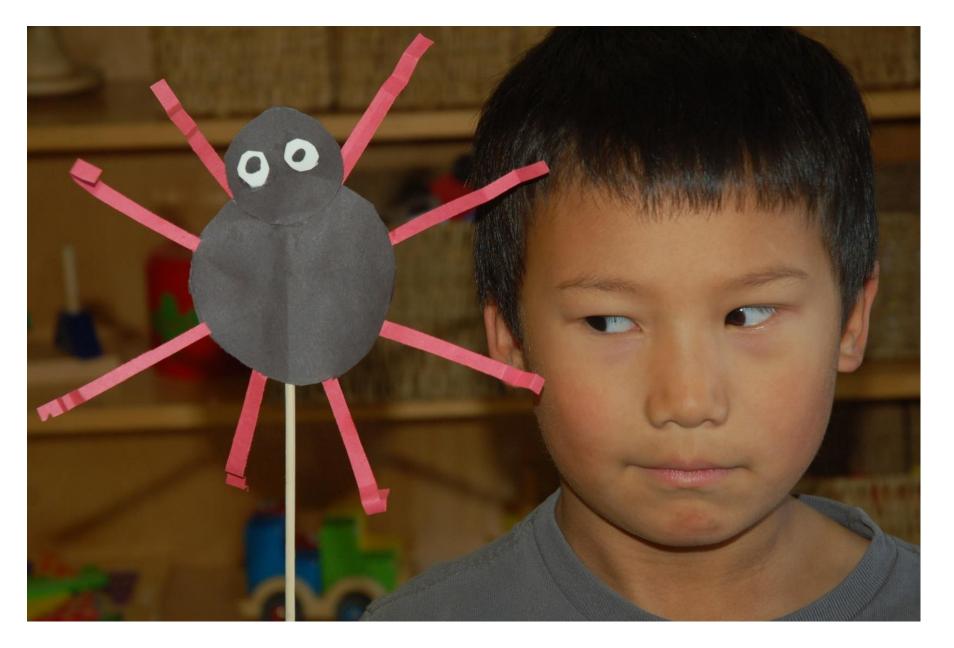
(a) Harold licking and Chloe yelling?

(b) Harold tickling and Chloe laughing?

(c) Harold transforming and Chloe crying?

(d) all of the above?

The answer is (b) and (e) for entertaining.



From the home office on Cartier Street, today's top 3 list is: The top 3 things to ask a spider:

(3) Did you ever apologize for frightening Little Miss Muffet away from her tuffet?

(2) Mrs. Spider if you are not a Black Widow why don't I see you hanging out with Mr. Spider?

(1) Can your "web site" with "mega bites" be seen on a "website" with "mega bytes"?



Faster than a speeding cyclist! More buzzing than a teenager's cell phone! Able to fly over tall flowers!

Look, up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Super-Bee! Strange visitor from a hive near you.

Episode #3: "None of Your Bee's Wax". Starring Super-Bee and a cast of thousands.

Today Super-Bee flies 10 kilometres. Taps nectar from 1,500 flowers.

And waggles the "I Found Food" direction dance for buddies ready to buzz off.

Meanwhile the "busy bee" hive produces two kilograms of honey.

And Queen Bee-atrice makes a bee-line for the royal jelly as she lays 2,000 eggs.

Rating: It's the "bee's knees". Enough honey for your toast and your parent's tea. Two stingers up!



James fell into an ant hole.

He stuck his head out and said to his brother,

"I'm never going to be an ant
but I might be an uncle some day."



The "Itsy Bitsy Spider" looks large under a magnifying glass. So sing: "The ginormous spidersaurus crawled up the water spout.

Down came the rain and washed the spidersaurus out.

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain

And the ginormous spidersaurus went up the spout again."



Butterfly, I wonder why, you are not named a "flutter-by"?
Butterfly, I wonder why, a caterpillar learns to fly?
Butterfly, I wonder why, you make me happy when I cry?
Butterfly, I wonder why, you adorn a girl and not a guy?



Lady: I spy with my little eye something that is red.

Boy: Is it my lips?

Lady: Actually it is red and black.

Boy: Is it my lips and my hair?

Lady: Actually it is red, black and white.

Boy: Is it my lips, my hair and my eyes?

Lady: Actually it is red, black, white and it is moving on your face.

Boy: Is it my lips, my hair, my eyes and one of my eyebrows?

Lady: Actually it is red, black, white, moving on your face and looking for aphids.

Boy: I give up lady, bug someone else please.



"Ten seconds left in this thrilling grade 7 girls basketball game.
The DLG Hornets are tied with the McKechnie Wolves.
The pack of Wolves is howling at mid-court.
The Hornets throw the ball in and swarm left.
One Hornet buzzes right with the ball and flies past two Wolves.
She shoots! She stings!"



Are you tired of walking to the kitchen every time you are hungry?

Are you bored with the knife, fork and spoon routine?

Then the Web-Me will wow you in three easy steps.

Step #1: use the World Wide Web to research webs worldwide.

Step #2: apply the special formula Web-Me face paints to create your web.

Step #3: stick stuff on your face so you can "stuff your face".

Pack food on when you are fasting. Pick food off when you are feasting.

The Web-Me also comes in Spicy...Extra Sticky...Spiderman-Red.

Spidey-sense not included.

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