

# FOR THE STUDENT



*Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II (CARS Series II)* is a reading series that gives you practice with 12 reading strategies. You will complete four reading lessons. Each lesson has a reading passage and 12 questions about the passage. Each question helps you practise a certain reading strategy.

Once you have completed the four lessons, you will complete a self-assessment. This self-assessment will help you see how well you did. *CARS II* will help you become a better reader. You will also better understand what to look for as you read. This will help you get the most from your reading.

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Here is a folktale from Africa. Read the folktale.  
Then do Numbers 1 through 12.

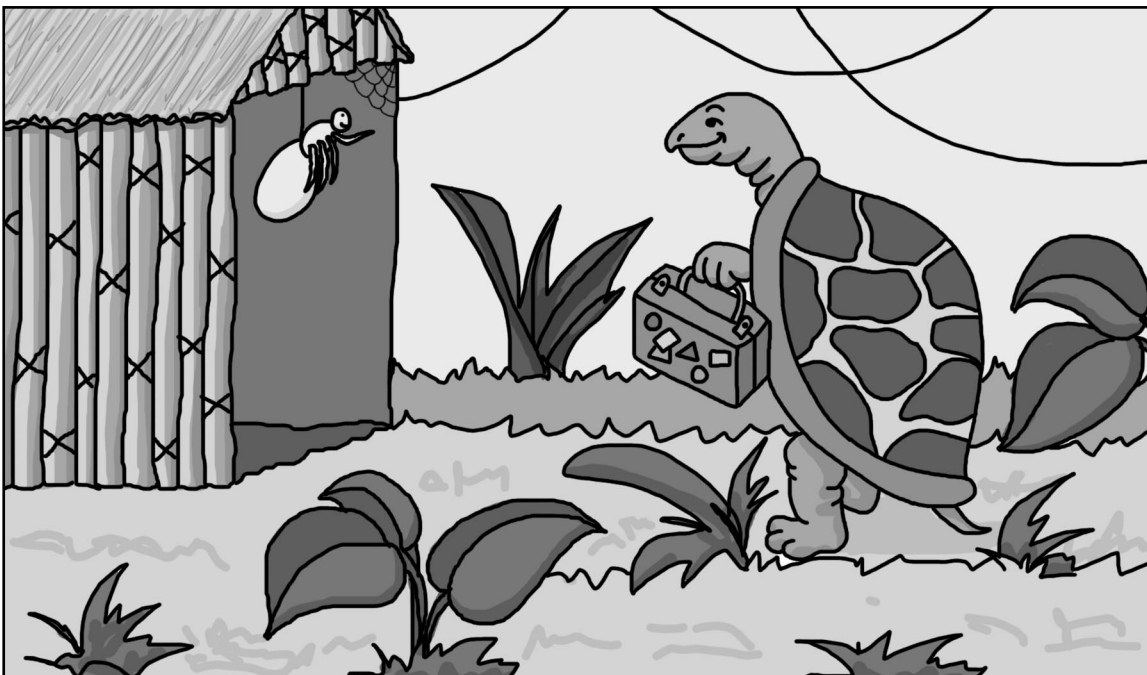
### The Hungry Spider

Spider was hungry. He was always hungry. Spider was greedy as well. He was the most greedy animal in the jungle. All the animals knew that when it was mealtime, Spider had many tricks, and for Spider, it was *always* mealtime.

One day, Turtle left his home in the pond and went on a long journey. He travelled slowly through the jungle and finally arrived at Spider's house. They had never met each other before this, and Spider reluctantly invited Turtle to stay for dinner. Spider liked to talk to strangers because they had interesting stories to tell. But he hated to feed them, because they ate food that he wanted for himself.

'Friend Turtle,' said Spider, 'you must be tired after your long trip. Go down to the river and refresh yourself. I'll prepare our dinner while you are gone.'

'How kind of you,' said Turtle. 'I'll hurry, as I am quite hungry.' Turtle followed the trail to the water's edge and scrambled in. It was good to cool down and feel clean again. He crawled out of the river and hurried back to Spider's house. Delicious odours filled the air. It was time to eat!





Turtle walked in and saw the food on the table. ‘Thank you for inviting me to stay for dinner, Spider,’ said Turtle. ‘I haven’t eaten all day.’

‘You are most welcome, Turtle,’ said Spider with a frown. ‘But in this part of the country, we don’t sit at the table with muddy feet.’

Turtle looked at his feet. Indeed, they were muddy. His feet were wet from the river and the trail was thick with dust. He was most embarrassed. He excused himself and walked all the way back to the river to wash them off. He dried them carefully on the grass and hurried back to Spider. But he was too late. Spider had eaten all the food. Turtle was disappointed, but, being polite, he held his tongue. He slept hungry that night and left for home in the morning even hungrier!

Several months later, Spider went on a long journey. He arrived at Turtle’s house and asked if he could spend the night.

‘Of course, friend Spider,’ said Turtle. ‘I remember how good you were to me.’

‘I’m famished!’ exclaimed Spider. ‘Could we eat right away?’

‘I’ll dive to the bottom of the pond and prepare a feast,’ said Turtle. ‘Wait here, and I’ll call you when all is ready.’ Turtle gathered his best-tasting food, and put it on a long table at the bottom of the pond. Then he swam to the surface and said, ‘Please join me, Spider. Dinner is served.’

