

# Anansi Must Wait



Leopard swats

Anansi flat in  
the dust.

His legs wag  
and twist.





Leopard drags  
Anansi back and  
drops him in the  
den. He blocks  
the gap. At last,  
he pads **west**.

Anansi peeks at the gap, but  
Leopard is back in it. Anansi  
must plan a **swift** trick.



Anansi finds a  
pepper bundle  
in a crack.

Wisps waft up,  
and he grins. A  
plan!





Anansi picks  
up the bundle.  
The grub must  
get pepper!  
Leopard waits  
at the gap.

Sweet wisps waft up the  
gap and past Leopard.

Sweet, sweet pepper! But  
his tail flicks fast.



Is it a trick?  
Leopard frets.  
Anansi just grins  
and waits. The  
bundle sits  
between Anansi  
and Leopard.





Leopard sets a  
web on the gap.

He trots and  
trots. Anansi  
scans it and  
tuts. Bad web!

Anansi slips past the gap. He spins his best cobweb and hums as he spins.



Anansi is swift!  
He flits on silk,  
up in the  
trees. Leopard  
runs back, mad  
as can be.

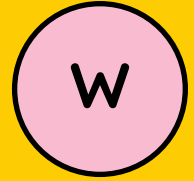




Bam! Leopard hits  
the cobweb and  
gets stuck fast.  
He twists and  
wails, but the web  
wins. Anansi peeks  
back, and grins.

Anansi adds pepper and sups hot nut  
grub. Kids grin, and he winks. Sweet win,  
Anansi!





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Leopard traps a spider in his rocky den and promises to eat him that evening. While Leopard blocks the only way out, the spider spots a bundle of sweet-smelling pepper tucked in a crack and starts spinning a swift plan. Will he find a way past Leopard before the trap closes for good? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 5: w /w/), this book practices words like 'sweet', 'web', 'swift', 'waits', 'between'.

**Phonics Focus:** <w>

between, cobweb, swats, sweet, swift, twist, twists, waft, wag, wails, waits, web, west, win, winks, wins, wisps

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