

Anansi Wants Wisdom



Anansi has a big plan. He wants all the wisdom in the world. He will keep it in one pot, safe in a tight lid.





Anansi walks in
the wood. He asks
all he meets for a
wise thought, and
he tips each one
in the jug. Soon
the jug feels full
and big.

'I will hide the pot high in this **tree**,' says Anansi. He hugs the pot and climbs. But the pot bangs the bark, and he slides back down. He tries again. Slide. Slide.



His small son
Ntikuma sits on a
rock and sees it
all. 'Dad, tie the
pot to the back,'
Ntikuma calls. 'Then
all the legs are
free to climb.'





Anansi feels red
and sad. He got all
the wisdom in the
world. But his small
son just gave the
best thought of all,
for free.

Anansi ties the jug to his back.

Now all his legs grip the bark well.

Up and up he climbs the tall tree.



He is near the first
high beech branch.
Then the rope slips.
The jug tips and
falls fast, and it
lands with a crack.





The wisdom
bursts out of
the jug. It flies
free on the wind
and is gone. The
jug lies in two
on the roots.

Anansi sits in the ferns for a long time.
Ntikuma sits with him, still. A **wee** bird
lands on a shard and sings. Anansi **feels**
light.



'I got the wisdom,
but I did not heed
it,' says Anansi.
'It was not in the
pot,' says
Ntikuma. 'It was
in the use of it.'





Now wisdom lives
in the wind and the
trees. It lives in old
songs and small
boys on rocks.

Anansi grins at his
own big plan.

The Sky God sees it all and feels glad.
The wisdom is free in the wood now, not
shut in a pot. No one holds it all, not all.
And that is wise.





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Anansi has a plan so big it makes all eight of his eyes shine: gather every scrap of wisdom in the world and lock it away in one pot, just for himself. But when the pot grows heavy and the tallest tree won't let him climb, who might offer the one clever idea he never thought to collect? And what happens when a pot meant to hold everything finally slips? This Bookbot EE level practices the 'ee' sound with words like 'feel', 'free', 'tree', 'meets' and 'sees'.

Reading Skills: <ee>

beech, feel, feels, free, heed, keep, meet, meets, sees, tree, trees, wee

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