Charlotte's Web

Guided Reading Questions and Activities Answers

Chapter 9 and 10

(AF2) Can you describe a spider's leg in detail?

A spider's legs are hairy and have seven different sections: coxa, trochanter, femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus.

(AF3) Why do you think Wilbur is so determined to spin a web?

Pupil's own response, such as: I think that Wilbur is so determined to spin a web because he thinks it looks like a lot of fun plus he wants to impress Charlotte and prove to her that he can do it too.

(AF4) What do we learn about spiders in this chapter?

We learn that spiders have hairy legs which are split into seven sections, that they have spinnerets and that they are very good at spinning webs. We also learn that spiders are very patient.

(AF5) Is 'sedentary' a good word to describe Charlotte? Wilbur?

Sedentary is a good word to describe Charlotte because it means being still for a long time and Charlotte has remained on her web the whole time that we have read about her.

(AF6) What similarities and differences are there between Charlotte and Wilbur?

Both Charlotte and Wilbur are kind and in need of a friend. However, Wilbur is very young and inexperienced whereas Charlotte is older and very wise and teaches Wilbur a lot of things. It is like Charlotte is the mother and Wilbur is the child.

(AF7) Do you think this story is set in the past, present or future?

Pupil's own response, such as: I think that this story is set in the past because all of the verbs are written in the past tense, e.g. Wilbur shut his eyes.