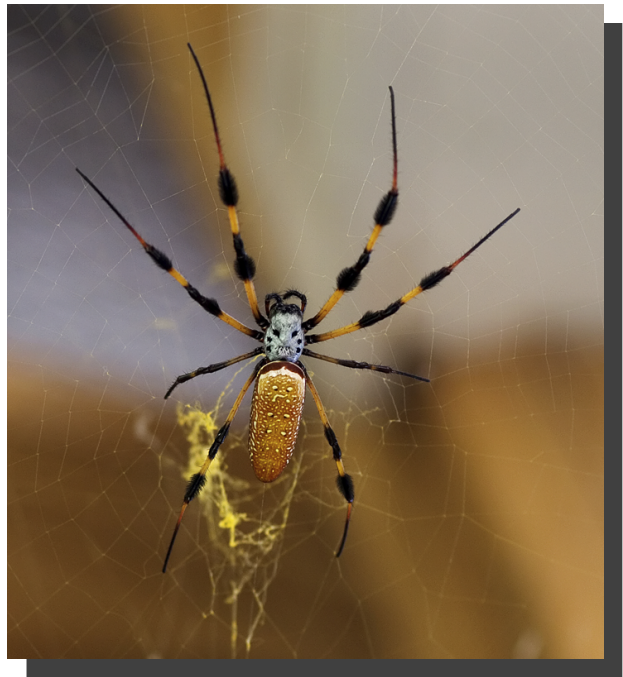


*Max wrote the following rough draft for his science report about spiders. As you read, think about the corrections and improvements Max should make. Then answer the questions that follow.*

## **Spiders: To Leave or Not to Leave?**

(1) My mother screamed at the top of her lungs “Come get this monster out of my window!” (2) My father grabbed a baseball bat and rushed into the family room, expecting to see a mountain lion or bear (3) Instead, he found a beautifully decorated spider sitting on a web that glistened in the morning sun.



(4) Dad hated to squash such an unusual spider, but he didn't want to move something that might be dangerous. (5) We searched for information on the Internet. (6) I was amazed at how many spiders were helpful and how few were dangerous.

(7) Spiders are helpful because they eat harmful insects. (8) Some eat grasshoppers and locusts that destroy crops. (9) Others eat flies and mosquitoes, which can carry diseases. (10) Mom also screams when she sees grasshoppers.