

The monotonous, yet relaxing, ticking of the clock continued unnoticed in the background. Strangely though the ticking seemed to be growing louder.

Curious, the group stopped their discussion and carefully scanned the room. The ticking returned to normal. Maybe it had all been their imagination, however they lowered their voices...just in case.

Slowly, the clockwork spider crept from the shadows it had quickly scuttled into. Inconspicuous, concealed, secretive.

Eventually, silence filled the room. Lights dimmed. The clockwork spy scurried away, it had gathered all the evidence it needed. Spinning a metallic web it descended to the floor and raced away.



1. Which words, or phrases, show that the clockwork spider does not want to be discovered?
2. Who do you think the people meeting are? Why do you think this?
3. Where do you think the spider might be racing away to? Who might it meet there?
4. Do you think that the spider is to be trusted, or feared? Why do you think this?

**Be a detective.**



- What size is the largest and smallest spider in the world?  
What is the most amazing fact you can find about spiders?  
When were clocks invented? Where in the world was this? Can you find it on a map?  
When was the first clockwork toy invented? Where in the world was this? Can you find it on a map?  
Invent something that could be a spy, like this spider. What will it look like? How will it work?

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