Diving Bell Spider

Name: ANSWER KEY Date: _____

Vocabulary Words: Match the definition to each word.

1. In Argentina, cowboys are called gauchos.
2. The tool used by these cowboys to catch cows is called a bola.
3. The bolas spider hunts at night.
4. The sticky glob at the end of the spider's silk is used to catch moths.
5. The spider attracts its prey by releasing the scent of a female moth.

Word bank: female, gauchos, night, moths, bola

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

1. What do gauchos use to catch cows?
   a) Nets
   b) Bolas
   c) Lassos
   d) Traps

2. What is unique about how the bolas spider catches its prey?
   a) It digs holes
   b) It uses a web like other spiders
   c) It swings a sticky silk strand
   d) It chases them on the ground

3. Which insect is attracted by the scent released by the bolas spider?
   a) Beetles
   b) Ants
   c) Flies
   d) Moths

4. When does the bolas spider hunt?
   a) At dawn
   b) At noon
   c) At dusk
   d) At night

Discussion & Reflection: Answer the following questions in complete sentences

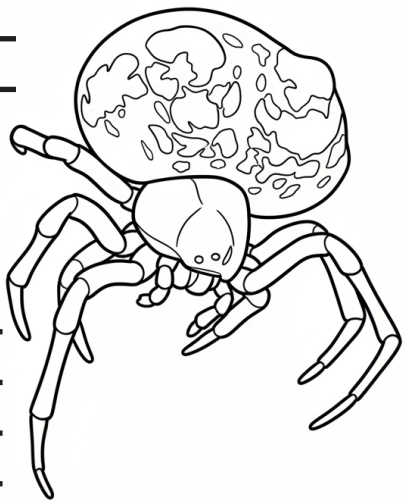
1. Explain how the bolas spider's hunting method is similar to the gaucho's method.

The bolas spider's hunting method is similar to the gaucho's because it swings a sticky silk strand with a glob at the end, just like the gaucho swings the bola, to catch its prey.

2. Why do you think the bolas spider only hunts at night and uses the scent of a female moth?

The bolas spider hunts at night because that is when moths are active and it uses the scent of a female moth to attract male moths close enough to catch them with its sticky glob.

3. This shows me that God is (Circle the word):

Wise Powerful Caring Creative All of the above

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