

Spiderman: he's not really that spidery

Now, here's the issue with Spiderman:

He's supposed to do what a spider can.

But he can't really, can he? He swings and skids

In a way surely alien to true arachnids.

He walks upright like regular guys;

And have you seen spiders wearing disguise?

Speaking of which I suppose we should ask

Which cretin designed his swimming cap mask.

With two big eyes like a Siamese cat...

Spiders have eight, we all know that!

And we can't help thinking if he wore a dark sweater

He might creep up on the baddy better.

Lycra and bright, not furry and brown...

It's an odd sort of spider that's saving our town.

And Spiderman's thread - it shoots out of his wrists.

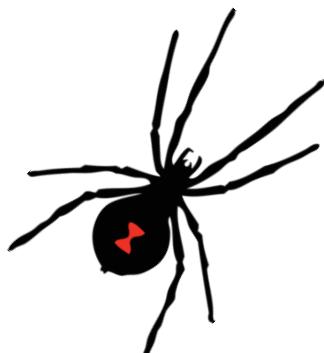
Do you know from where a spider's web twists?

Yes, it's the backside, the grand derriere.

(Well, not exactly, but approximately there).

From spinnerets back legs pull out the twine.

Spidey never bungee jumps from behind...



And then there's the way he'll make an attack.

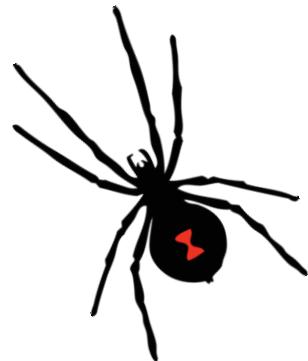
Spiders inject with fangs and sit back

While their prey is painfully paralysed -

They don't have their victim analysed.

Whereas Spidey will talk compassionately.

Who heard of arachnid psychology!



But then he's only a mortal man

Who generally does what a human can.

He leaps and lands on two feet, not eight

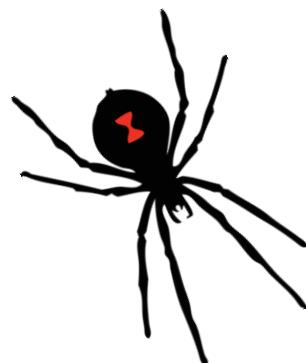
(For silk-strength tension he's all the wrong weight).

He can talk, get dressed and lick his lips.

And for one of his knees a spider has six!

But credit to Spidey, he wins in the end

(And so far hasn't gone down the S-bend).



We should be applauding his longevity,

His film-making – not one, not two, but three!

And for infesting numerous comics by Marvel

While remaining procreatively non-larval.

Of spiders worldwide there 30,000 species.

There's only one Spiderman – and we love him to pieces.

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