How to make: Cover the bulletin board with colored paper, and draw a spider web on it. Write the title “Catch the Spider.” Make the body of a large spider out of black paper, and mount it on the board. Cut eight spider legs out of black paper. Create three pockets out of folders, and staple them to the bottom of the bulletin board. Label one pocket Spider Legs, and store the eight legs in it. Write a different Basic Word on each of twenty cards, and put them in a pocket labeled Spelling Words. Label the last pocket Squares, and fill it with squares of white paper (about 3 inches square).

How to use: Students play a game using the bulletin board. Player 1 takes a Basic Word from the pocket. After counting its letters, he or she tacks that many squares of paper to the board. Other players guess the letters in the word. Player 1 writes them on the squares where they belong. If a player guesses a letter that is not in the word, Player 1 attaches a leg to the spider. The game continues until players guess the word. If the spider gets all eight legs, it “escapes.” If players guess the word before the spider is complete, it is “caught.” Keep score as shown.