



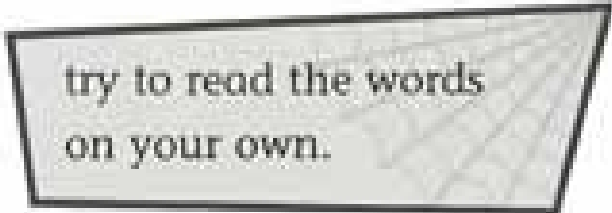
# Home Invaders



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try to read the words  
on your own.

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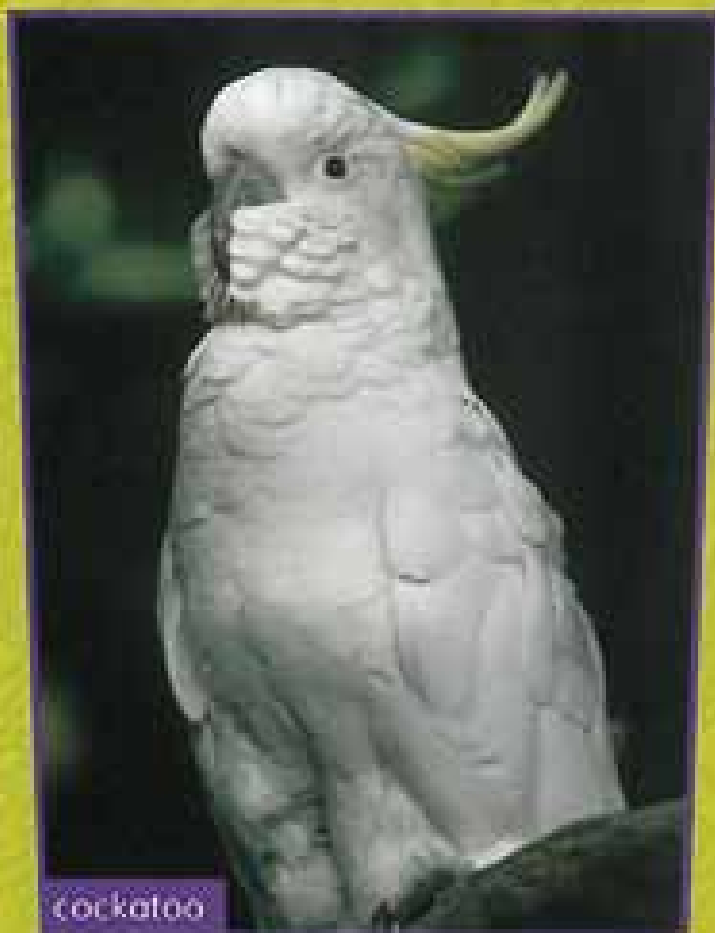
Houseflies have dirty habits. They eat everything from dead mice to dogs' droppings. They can also spread all their germs to your food. What other pests do you have around your home?

Housefly on bread



# Birds...

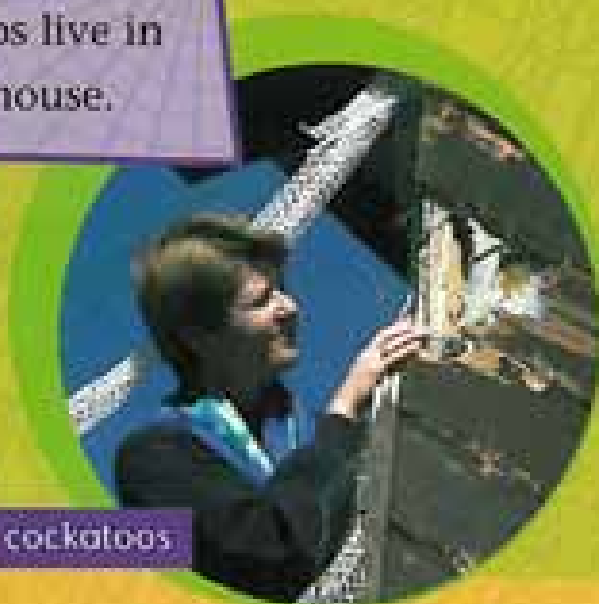
These birds look pretty – some people keep them as pets.



cockatoo

In Australia, where cockatoos live in the wild, they will eat your house.

These birds aren't pets – they're pests!



damage from cockatoos

# and Beasts

Recluse spiders make webs to hide in during the day. They come out at night to find food. They only bite humans when they are frightened. The bite has **venom** in it.



recluse spider



The recluse spider bite becomes a white blister on your skin. You start to get chills and fevers. Then the blister bursts and you get sores that don't close up for weeks.

## Definitions:

**venom** – the poison of snakes and other animals

**poison** – a substance that can kill or harm living things



Our homes are not our own.  
We share them with lots of pests.