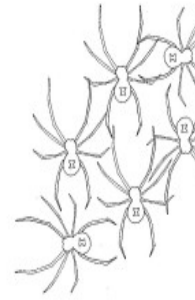
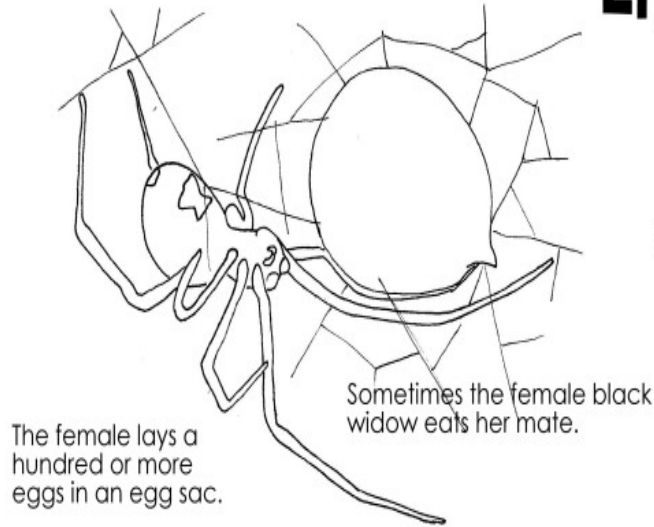


# Life Cycle of a Spider

## Black Widow

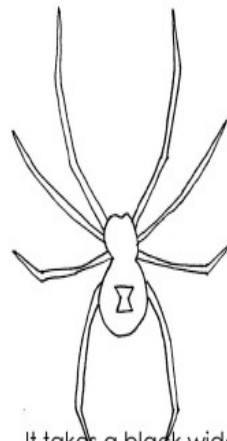


When the baby spiders hatch they look just like their parents except their color is much lighter.

Often the babies eat each other just after hatching.



Baby spiderlings leave the nest by crawling away or ballooning on thin strands of silk.



It takes a black widow between 3 and 10 months to mature into an adult.



The male and female mate in spring.