

Off-the-Wall question #7: Out your back door you have a back porch and three steps down to ground level. One day, you find a spider wondering around on a wall in your home. You captured the spider in a drinking glass, take it to the back porch and give it a toss. Oddly, it isn't moving very fast when it hits the ground (whereas you would be moving quite fast if you jumped off the stoop). Explain fully why this is the case.