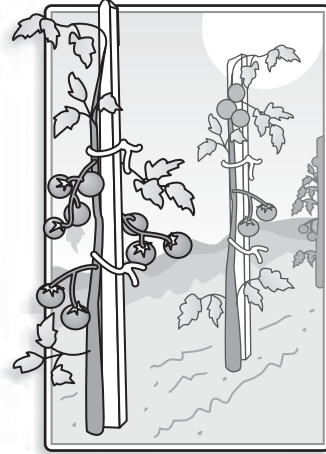


The Tomato Garden

Angela woke up and jumped out of bed. She said goodbye to her mother. Then she ran around the corner to her grandpa's house. She had lots to do. She had to help Grandpa.

Grandpa was in his garden. He was looking at the tomato plants. Angela loved tomatoes.

She picked the tomatoes. That was her job. The tomatoes were very red. They smelled sweet. That meant they were ready to eat. Grandpa would make wonderful tomato sauce. Angela couldn't wait to taste it!

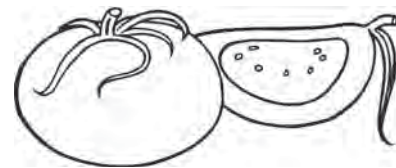


Tomato Time

Many people eat tomatoes. Tomatoes come in different sizes, shapes, and colors. Some tomatoes are very small. They are called grape tomatoes. Not all tomatoes are red. Some tomatoes are yellow or orange.

Tomatoes are in salads and sandwiches. They are on pizzas, too. Tomatoes are in ketchup and tomato sauce.

Most people think tomatoes are a vegetable. Some people think tomatoes are a fruit. Tomatoes have seeds like fruit. Everyone agrees that tomatoes are good for you!



The Spider Web

Evan looked out the window. He saw a big spider web. It had rain drops on it. The drops sparkled in the sun.

“Come look at this web, Dad!” Evan called.

“That is a big web,” his dad said.

“That spider must have worked really hard. The web goes from one branch to another,” said Evan.

“You are right. Did you know that not all spiders build webs?” asked Dad. “A trapdoor spider lives under the ground. It builds a trap in the ground to catch bugs.”

Evan wanted to learn more. “Come on, Dad!” he said. “Show me a picture on the computer!”

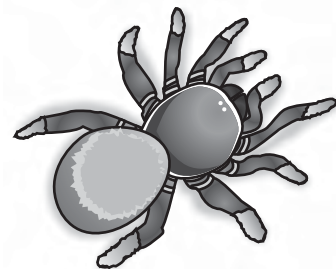


Trapdoor Spiders

Some spiders do not make webs. They are called trapdoor spiders. They build a different kind of trap.

A trapdoor spider lives in the ground. It digs a hole for a home. The hole can be as deep as a new pencil. The spider covers the hole with a door. The spider hides behind the door when it wants to eat. Then it waits.

The door looks like the ground. Plants and soil make the door hard to see. Bugs step on the door. Then the trapdoor spider jumps out and catches them.



A Visit to the Doctor

The board in Tamara's classroom was far away. She could not read the writing.



Today, Tamara was a bit nervous. She was seeing the eye doctor for the first time. Tamara and her mother waited for the doctor to come into the room.

The door opened and the doctor walked in. She smiled at Tamara and said, "I'm glad you are here. I'd like to help you see better at school."

Tamara smiled. She liked the nice doctor already.

QUESTION

Your Amazing Eyes

People see with their eyes. Colors, movement, and shapes are some of the things that eyes see. Our bodies use the eyes to know what is going on around us.



Did you know that your eyes have muscles? They help you see things that are close and far away.

Tears protect your eyes. They keep your eyes from getting too dry. Tears also help keep the eyes clean.

Eyes are amazing. They can help you learn about the world around you.

Minh's New Friend

Minh was visiting her friend Kayla. She walked to Kayla's house. Minh rang the bell. She heard a dog bark.



Kayla opened the door. A big, black dog ran to Minh. The dog licked Minh's cheek. Then it sat down and wagged its tail. Minh petted the dog.

"Wow! You have a great dog," Minh said to Kayla.

"She's a therapy dog. We visit people at the hospital. She makes people feel better."

"Show me some of her tricks," Minh said.

"You can help me," said Kayla with a smile.

Therapy Dogs

Dogs help people in many ways. Therapy dogs help people who are sick.

Therapy dogs go to hospitals and schools. They visit people who are sick. Therapy dogs like to play. They like when people pet them. Sometimes, they even do tricks. Their tricks make people smile.

It takes hard work to be a therapy dog. These dogs must behave well. They get a lot of training. Good training helps them behave in hospitals and schools. Therapy dogs bring a lot of joy to many people.



Paolo's Great Day

It was a hot day. Paolo watched his parents pack the car with bags and a big umbrella.

"Please pack your sunglasses," Paolo's mom called.

Paolo was excited to go on a trip. It was July 4th. Many people would be having parties today.

"Where are we going?" asked Paolo.

"I'll give you some clues. You will see water and sand. You can play and swim. Then you will see fireworks," said his father.

Paolo smiled. He knew where he was going. It was his favorite place to go in the summer.



Independence Day

July 4th is Independence Day. Having independence means being free. Independence Day is the day the United States became its own country. People all over the United States celebrate.

People celebrate in different ways. It is summer. Some people have a picnic. Some people go to a beach or a lake. At night, many people go outside. They watch fireworks in the sky.



Jing's Surprise

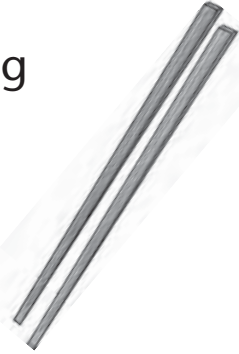
"Let's get started!" Jing said to his uncle. Jing wanted to make a gift for his grandmother. His uncle said he would help.

"Let's go outside. I got some bamboo ready for you," Jing's uncle said. Jing's uncle grew bamboo.

"This bamboo is very hard," said Jing. "We could make some nice chopsticks with it."

Jing's grandmother taught him how to use chopsticks to eat. It took a long time to learn. He wanted to thank her.

"I think grandmother will like her surprise," Jing said.



Bamboo

Bamboo is a plant. It is grass, but it is hard like wood.

Bamboo grows very fast. It can grow more than one foot in a day! Bamboo can grow more than one hundred feet tall.

Bamboo is used for many things. It is used to build houses, bridges, and boats. People make hats from bamboo, too. They also make chopsticks to help them eat. Some types of bamboo can be cooked and eaten. Bamboo is an important plant to people.



Fixing Watches

Eddie walked to his friend's house. He knocked on the front door. "Are you home, Shawn?" Eddie called.

The door opened and a boy stepped out. "Hi, Eddie," Shawn said. "What do you need?"

"My watch is broken. Can you fix it?"

Shawn was ten years old. He liked to fix watches. "I can fix it," he said. "There isn't a watch I can't fix."

"You're good at fixing things," Eddie said.

"I can fix toys, too," Shawn said.

Eddie smiled and said, "Good! I'll be back soon."



Henry Ford

Henry Ford helped make the first car. It was called a Model T.

Henry Ford liked to fix things when he was a boy. He liked to take things apart and put them together. He fixed many people's watches.

When Henry was older, he started working. One of his jobs was to build cars. Cars were hard to build. It took a long time to make a car. It also cost a lot of money.

Henry Ford found a faster way to put cars together. More cars were made. They cost less money. That made people happy.

