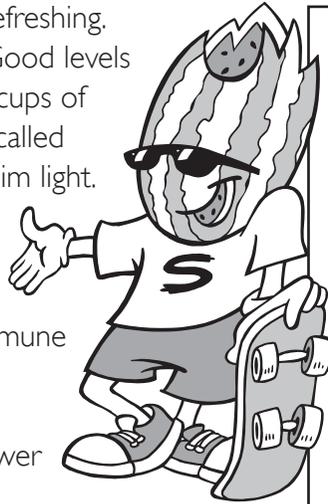


Wacky for Watermelon

Reading/Language Arts Grades 3-4

Watermelons are sweet and refreshing. They are also full of vitamins. Good levels of A, B6, and C are found in 2 cups of watermelon. Vitamin A is also called retinal. It allows you to see in dim light. B6 helps your brain function. It also helps your body **convert** protein into energy. Vitamin C strengthens your immune system and helps heal wounds.



Draw lines from words on the left to the words on the right to make a compound word that makes sense. Write the compound words on the lines on the right.

| | | |
|---------|-------|-------------------|
| water | house | <u>watermelon</u> |
| green | side | _____ |
| honey | melon | _____ |
| sun | shine | _____ |
| country | bee | _____ |

Fill in the circle of the best answer to each question.

What is the main idea of the passage?

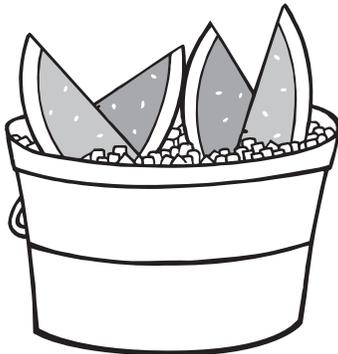
- B6 is good for your eyes.
- Watermelons are full of vitamins.
- Melons are fun to eat.

You can guess from the passage that

- watermelons are a healthy snack.
- vitamin A will give you x-ray vision.
- watermelons have all the vitamins you need.

In this passage, the word **convert** means

- set.
- push.
- change.



Answer the following questions about a watermelon. Use your answers to write a paragraph about a watermelon.

What does it look like? _____

How does it taste? _____

How does it feel? _____

How does it smell? _____

What does it sound like when you bite into it? _____

Fun Facts

- The word "watermelon" first appeared in the dictionary in 1615.
- Watermelons are popular hostess gifts in China and Japan.
- People eat sweet watermelon with salty cheese in Israel and Egypt.

A suffix is a word part that can be added to the end of a word to change the word's meaning.



Read the meanings of the suffixes. Write the meaning of each word on the line near the word.

| Suffix | Meaning |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| ness | state or condition of |
| y | like, full of |
| less | without |
| en | to make |
| sweetness | _____ |
| healthy | _____ |
| ripen | _____ |
| freshness | _____ |
| seedless | _____ |
| juicy | _____ |