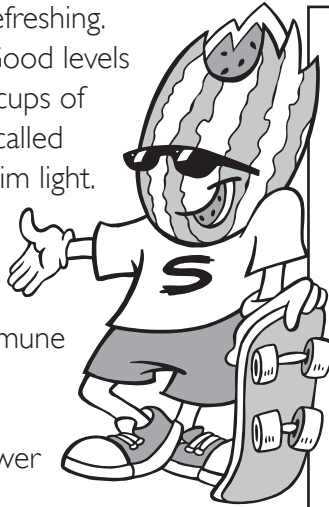


Wacky for Watermelon

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.

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



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	_____

What is the main idea of the passage?

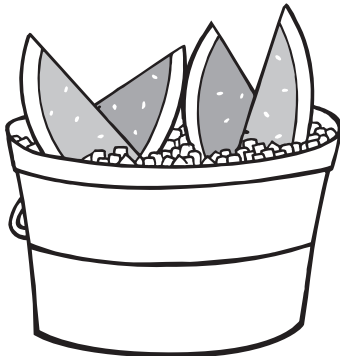
- ☐ B6 is good for your eyes.
- ☐ Watermelons are full of vitamins.
- ☐ Melons are fun to eat.

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 _____