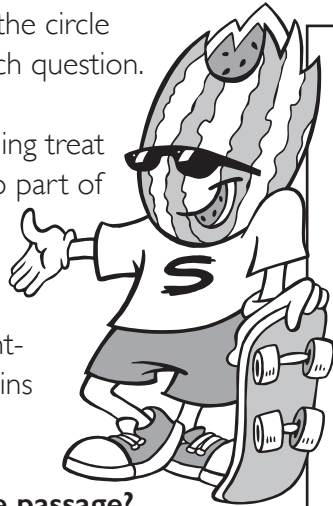


Wacky for Watermelon

Reading/Language Arts Grades 3-4

Read the passage below. Fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

Watermelon is a sweet, refreshing treat that you can eat all year. It's also part of a healthy lifestyle! Two cups of watermelon has 80 calories and zero fat. It's actually 92% water and considered a nutrient-dense food. Watermelon contains vitamins, minerals, and fiber.



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?

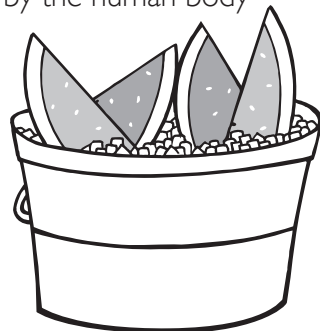
- Watermelon is a healthy food.
- Vitamins are good for us.
- We can eat watermelon in the summer.

You can guess from the passage that

- nutrient-dense foods are not good for us.
- fiber is only found in watermelon.
- watermelon is made up of mostly water.

In this passage, the word minerals means

- something you mine for
- substances needed by the human body for good health
- bubbles in water



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 _____