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Topic Thinking Skills

Comprehension Activities



■ Curriculum Readers: 800 - 1300 Total Words

Amazing Plants

1. Beans Beans Beans

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, beans are a really useful plant because...
2. The amazing thing about beans is...
3. I was surprised to learn that...

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about beans, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What do you think are the best qualities of beans?
2. If you were a chef, what would you want to cook with beans?
3. What do you think a baked bean factory would have in it?

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2. OUCH! Stinging Nettles

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, stinging nettles are plants that...
2. The amazing thing about stinging nettles is...
3. I didn't know that...

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about stinging nettles, choose 1-2 questions and note your ideas.

1. How do you think people found out that they could eat nettles?
2. How do you think people found out about the chemicals that are in stinging nettles?
3. Do you think there will ever be farmers who grow fields of stinging nettles?

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3. Bamboo!

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, bamboo is an amazing plant because...
2. I was surprised to learn that...
3. When I found out that bamboo only has flowers every 100 years, I was _____ because...

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about bamboo, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What do you think is the best feature of bamboo?
2. Things made from bamboo are able to be recycled. What other products do you think could be made from bamboo?
3. From what you know about the shape of bamboo stems, why do you think it is so strong?

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4. Help! Get Me Out of Here! Carnivorous Plants

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, carnivorous plants are _____ because...
2. For me, the amazing thing about carnivorous plants is...
3. I think it is important to know about carnivorous plants because...

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about carnivorous plants, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. Do you think carnivorous plants have inspired people who invent insect traps for people to use? If so, which features have they used?
2. From what you have learned about the way chemicals can make leaves sticky, make leaves change shape quickly or make a vacuum, in what other ways do you think these chemicals could be used?
3. Do you think carnivorous plants make insects endangered? Give your reasons why or why not.

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**5. Anyone for Tea, Coffee
or Hot Chocolate?**

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, it is important to know where our food comes from and how it is grown because...
2. For me, the interesting thing about tea, coffee and cacao is...
3. I didn't know...

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about tea, coffee and hot chocolate, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. How do you think people first found out about making these plants into drinks?
2. What do you think would be some of the challenges in being a coffee or cacao farmer?
3. If you had to choose between being a farmer who grew tea, coffee or cacao, which type of farmer would you choose to be and why?

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