



“Corn”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages ⁽⁴⁾

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

Corn is the top crop of the U.S. Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, and Minnesota grow more than half the corn in the U.S. Corn grows almost everywhere. China, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, India and France grow lots of corn, but the United States grows the most.

Corn is an important food in many countries. People use corn flour, called **cornmeal**, to make **cornbread** and other baked foods. People also eat cornflakes, often for breakfast. At first, people ate cornflakes only in the United States. Now people eat cornflakes all over the world. Some corn is popcorn. It pops into fluffy pieces filled with air. People can eat popcorn as a snack. People in the U.S. like to eat corn on the cob. Some people eat corn as a side dish or in salads. Corn **syrup** is a very sweet liquid. Companies use it to make foods taste sweet. Some people even make beer from corn.

In the U.S., farmers grow corn for their animals to eat. Cows and pigs eat corn. Some companies put corn into food for other animals. For example, some companies put corn in dog food. In Europe, people use corn as fish **bait**, called “dough balls.” They use corn to catch fish.

Some gas companies make **fuel** for cars and trucks from corn. The fuel is ethanol. Some companies add ethanol to gas. Gas with ethanol is cheaper than other gas.

Questions:

1) Which country grows the most corn?

- A. The United States
- B. Argentina
- C. Brazil
- D. India

2) Which kind of corn is a snack?

- A. Dough balls
- B. Cornmeal
- C. Ethanol
- D. Popcorn



3) Which kind of corn is a fuel?

- A. Corn on the cob
- B. Corn syrup
- C. Cornflakes
- D. Ethanol

4) What do people do with cornmeal?

- A. Add it to gas
- B. Cook with it
- C. Feed it to pigs
- D. Make food sweet

5) Which state grows a lot of corn?

- A. Massachusetts
- B. Delaware
- C. Illinois
- D. Maine

Vocabulary:

1) **Cornmeal** is...

- A. corn syrup
- B. cornflakes
- C. corn flour
- D. popcorn

2) **Cornbread** is a...

- A. baked food.
- B. kind of fish bait.
- C. food for animals.
- D. fluffy piece of corn.

3) Corn **syrup** is a...

- A. fuel.
- B. bait.
- C. flour.
- D. liquid.

4) What is **bait** used for?

- A. It makes cars and trucks run.
- B. It is used to catch fish.
- C. It makes food sweet.
- D. None of the above.

5) **Fuel** is used...

- A. to feed animals.
- B. to make beer.
- C. to power cars.
- D. All of the above.

