



“Corn”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

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

Corn is the most popular crop in the United States. More than half the corn in the **US** is grown in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, and Minnesota. The **state** of Iowa grows the most. Corn grows almost everywhere. China, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, India and France grow lots of corn, but the US grows the most.

Corn is an important food in many countries. People use corn flour, called cornmeal, to make baked foods. People also eat cornflakes. At first, people ate cornflakes only in the United States. Now people eat cornflakes all over the world. Some corn is made into popcorn. The corn pops into light 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 US, 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) What fuel is made from corn?

- 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. Bake with it
- C. Feed it to pigs
- D. Make food sweet

5) Which state grows the most corn?

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

Vocabulary:

1) **US** is an abbreviation for...

- A. us.
- B. ourselves.
- C. United States.
- D. Universal States.

2) A **state** is a...

- A. territory in the US.
- B. region in the US.
- C. type of corn.
- D. type of food made with 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.

