



# “Soda Pop”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

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

Soda pop has an interesting story. The story begins with mineral water. Mineral water comes from springs. In many places, people take **baths** in mineral water. They say washing with mineral water is good for their health. Some say drinking mineral water is also good for people.

Mineral water has bubbles in it. People learned to make **bubbly** water in the 1770’s. They added CO<sub>2</sub> to water with a machine to make the water bubbly. The machine was the “soda fountain.” They called the new bubbly water “soda water” or “**carbonated** water.”

American drug stores sold soda water. Druggists put good-tasting flavors in the soda water. People drank soda water for their health. Many people liked it for its good **flavor**. Many people went to the soda fountain every day. Most soda fountains were in drug stores or ice cream shops.

In the early 1900’s, people bought soda water in bottles. Later in the 1900’s, people started to buy flavored soda water in cans. Now it is sold in many containers in **grocery** stores and other places where food is sold. Some people call it “pop.” Some say “soda.” Other people call it “cola,” “tonic,” or “soda pop.”

## Questions:

1) People said mineral water baths were...

- A. good for people’s health.
- B. best in the spring time.
- C. good-tasting.
- D. Both A and B are correct.

2) What was a soda fountain?

- A. A drug store
- B. A bath machine
- C. A machine which made ice cream
- D. A machine which made bubbly water

3) At first, Americans bought soda water...

- A. at ice cream shops.
- B. at grocery stores.
- C. at drug stores.
- D. Both A and C are correct.

4) Where does mineral water come from?

- A. Soda fountains
- B. Ice machines
- C. Machines
- D. Springs



5) “Soda” and “pop” are...

- A. both mineral water.
- B. both soda water.
- C. the same thing.
- D. Both B and C are correct.

## Vocabulary:

1) **Bathing** is...

- A. drinking water.
- B. washing with water.
- C. selling bubbly water.
- D. putting bubbles in water.

2) **Bubbly** water is...

- A. good tasting.
- B. a drug.
- C. fizzy.
- D. cold.

3) **Carbonated** water is water with...

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>.
- B. bubbles.
- C. good-tasting things added.
- D. Both A and B are correct.

4) A **flavor** is...

- A. ice cream.
- B. a drink.
- C. a taste.
- D. soda.



5) **Grocery** stores are...

- A. drug stores.
- B. food stores.
- C. soda fountains.
- D. ice cream shops.