

Unit

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# why onions make you cry



## Get Ready

1. What makes you cry?

test

sad movie

beautiful music

dentist

roller coaster

ghost house

2. Listen and repeat.



sting

gas

goggles

break

cell

refrigerator

Your mother is crying in the kitchen. Is she sad? No. She is cutting an onion! The onion is making her cry. Why?

An onion is made up of many cells. When you cut an onion, the cells break open. Then, a gas comes out of the cells. You cannot see the gas, but it stings your eyes. Your eyes do not like the gas. They are trying to wash it away with tears. So you cry!

What can you do? Put the onion in the refrigerator, or cook the onion first. Now, cut it. See? You do not cry. If you are in a hurry, here is another idea. Wear goggles!





## Check Comprehension

### Choose the correct answers.

1. The passage is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a** why you cry while eating onions
- b** why you cry while cutting onions

2. A gas comes out of \_\_\_\_\_.

**a**



onion cells

**b**



onion skins

3. Put onions in the \_\_\_\_\_ before cutting.

**a**



refrigerator

**b**



dark box

### Check the correct answers.

4. The color of the onion gas is yellow.

5. Your tears wash away the onion gas.

True False

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## Build Vocabulary

Complete the sentences.

gas

stings

goggles


1. Put on your \_\_\_\_\_ when you ski.
2. There is a strong smell of \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen.
3. If soap gets into the eyes, it \_\_\_\_\_.

## Organize Information

Complete the graphic organizer.

Cause	Effect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut an onion.</li> <li>• Onion cells _____ open.</li> <li>• Onion cells make <u>a gas</u>.</li> <li>• The gas _____ your eyes.</li> </ul>	<p>You _____.</p>

 break

 stings

 cry

 a gas

