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CORE 1

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DIRECTIONS

Read each question carefully and choose the best answer. Then mark the space on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

SAMPLE

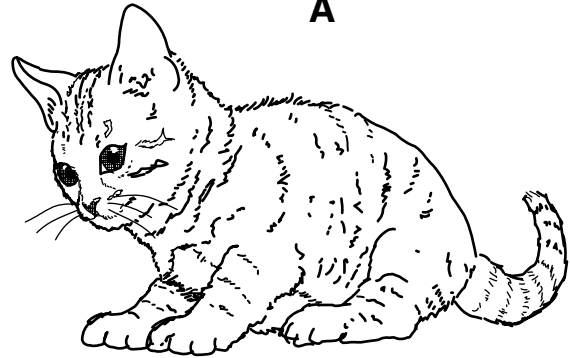
When the Earth is seen from outer space, it looks mainly blue. This is because most of the Earth is covered with —

- A ice
- B mountains
- C oceans
- D deserts

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A

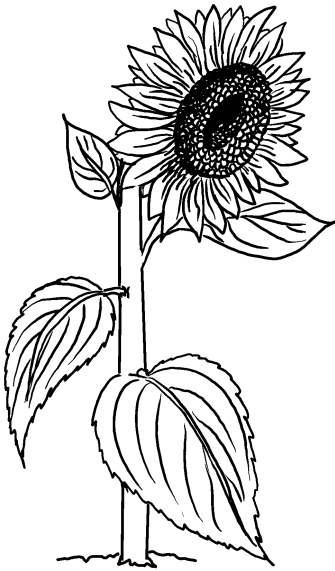


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Which of these is an observation for the kittens in the picture?

- A Kitten A is prettier than kitten B.
- B Kitten A has longer fur than kitten B.
- C Kitten A is my favorite kitten.
- D Kitten A runs faster than kitten B.

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This sunflower is how many blocks tall?

- F 7
- G 8
- H 9
- J 10

3 Recycling and reusing are very important ways to help people —

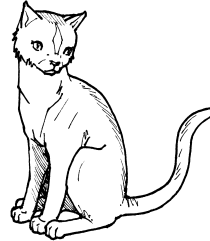
- A save natural resources
- B clean up their homes
- C make soil for plants
- D kill harmful germs

4 Which of these animals is prey for frogs?

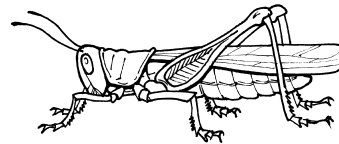
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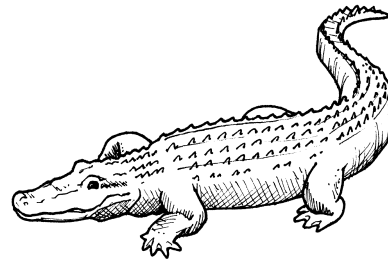
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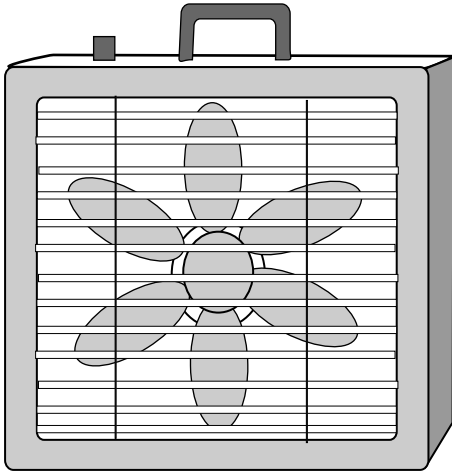
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J



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What type of motion is needed for the blades on this fan to blow air?

- A Up and down
- B Straight
- C Back and forth
- D Circular

6 Which of these must an apple tree have in order to grow?

- F Rocks
- G Fruit
- H Flowers
- J Water

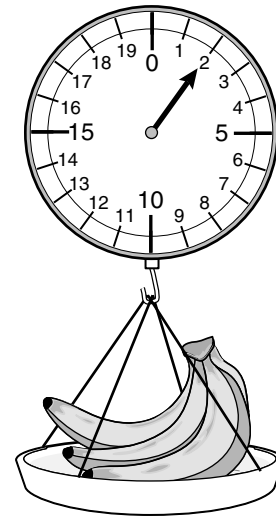
7 Which of these natural resources comes from plants?

- A Steel
- B Wood
- C Aluminum
- D Cement

8 Warmer temperatures and more sunlight in spring cause plants to —

- F make buds and new leaves
- G drop their leaves
- H stop growing and wilt
- J change from green to yellow

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What unit is used to measure the weight of the bananas?

- A Inches
- B Degrees
- C Pounds
- D Gallons

10 All materials are made of —

- F liquid
- G wood
- H smaller parts that cannot be seen
- J parts that do not stick together

11 The energy used in MOST cars comes from —

- A sun
- B coal
- C oil
- D water

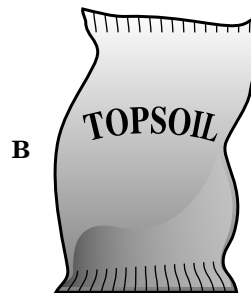
12 A glass jar broke into pieces when it fell on the floor. What is now different about the glass?

- F The material in the glass
- G The color of the glass
- H The total amount of glass
- J The shape of the glass

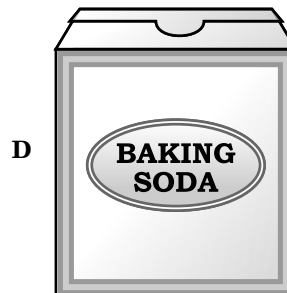
13 Which of these will dissolve in water?



Sand



Rocks



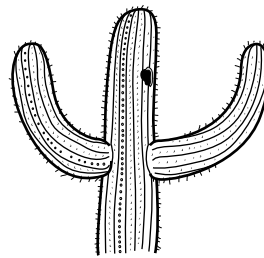
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<input type="radio"/>	1. clear - no color
	2. feels cold
	3. feels hard
	4. no smell

The observations recorded above
BEST describe —

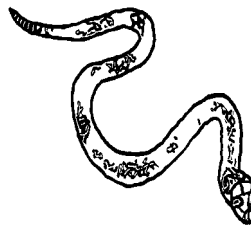
- F a sugar cube
- G an ice cube
- H a cherry snow cone
- J an ice cream cone

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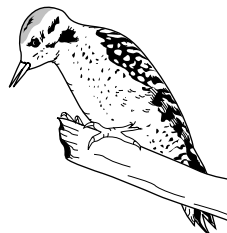


Which of these animals MOST likely
made the hole in the cactus to find
water?

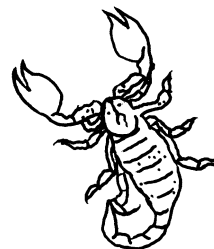
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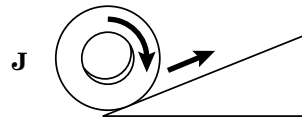
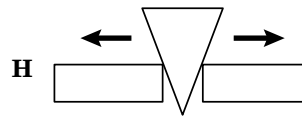
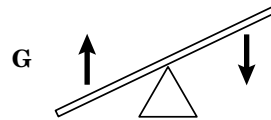
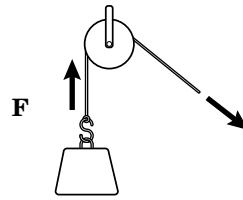
16 Loggerhead turtles lay their eggs on Virginia beaches and return to the sea. Tiny turtles hatch from the eggs and find their way to the ocean water. This is an example of —

- F a learned behavior
- G an instinct
- H camouflage
- J mimicry

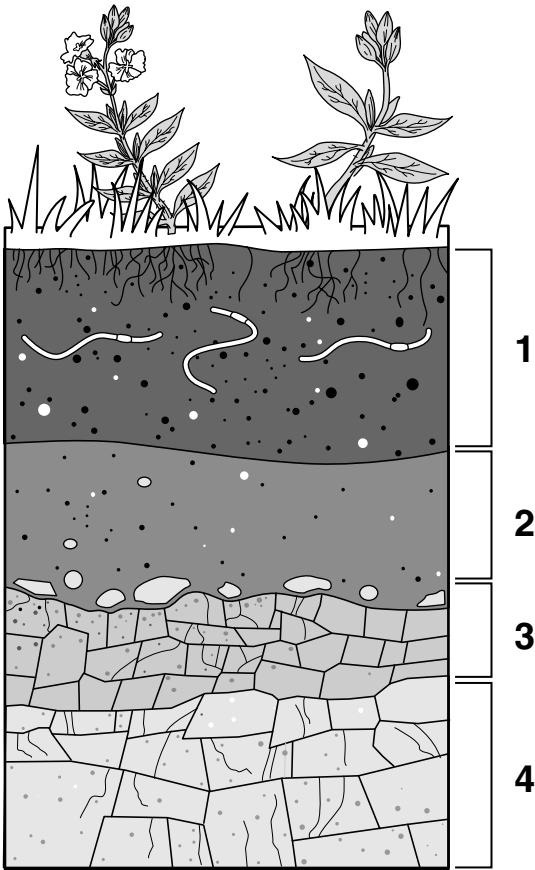
17 Leaves on some trees change colors from green to yellow and from orange to red during —

- A autumn
- B spring
- C summer
- D winter

18 Which of the following pictures shows how a wedge works?



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Plants are **MOST** likely to get nutrients from area —

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

20 Which of these do all living things need to stay alive?

- F Soil
- G Water
- H Clothing
- J Wind

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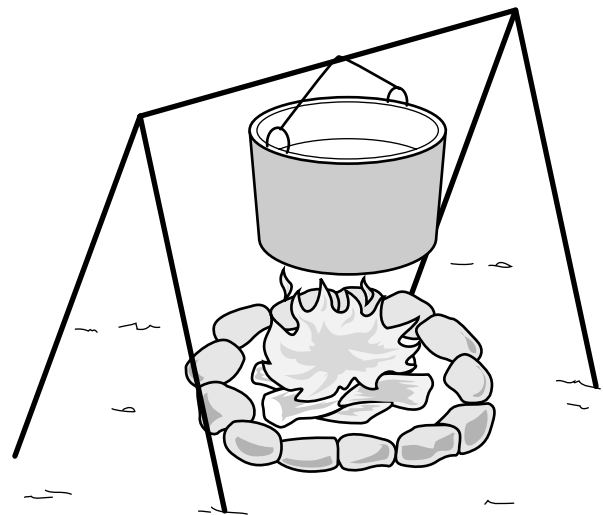
Cars Counted by Color

Day	Number of Cars of Each Color			
	Blue	Yellow	Red	Black
Monday	2	1	5	4
Tuesday	3	2	3	5
Wednesday	2	0	3	4

Ramon made this table to show how many cars of each color passed him at the bus stop on three different mornings. If he adds together his numbers from the three days, which color will he find was the **MOST** common?

- A Blue
- B Yellow
- C Red
- D Black

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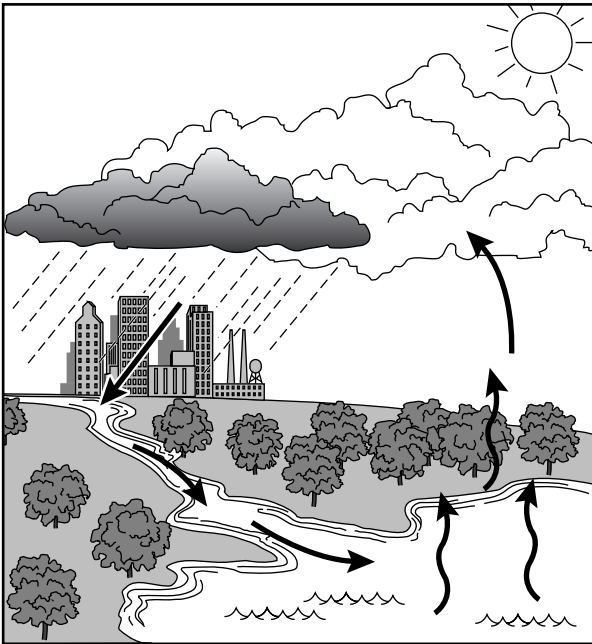
What will happen to the water in the pot if left over the campfire?

- F The water will turn into a solid.
- G The water will turn into a gas.
- H The water will turn into a liquid.
- J The water will turn into ashes.

23 Which of these is NOT a part of soil?

- A Humus
- B Bits of rock
- C Clay
- D Plastic

24



The picture of the water cycle shows how —

- F the sun warms the Earth
- G mountains are formed
- H water from the ocean becomes rain on land
- J ocean tides decrease and increase

25 Which sense organ is used to tell the color of the sky?

- A Nose
- B Ears
- C Eyes
- D Tongue

26 When settlers first came to America, there were large areas of forests. What type of industry developed because of the forests?

- F Lumber
- G Oil
- H Plastic
- J Ranching

27 What can we do to reduce water pollution?

- A Pour chemicals into drains
- B Use lots of fertilizer
- C Dump trash into lakes
- D Clean up oil spills properly

28 A student dropped a ball to see how it would fall. What kind of motion did she see as the ball fell?

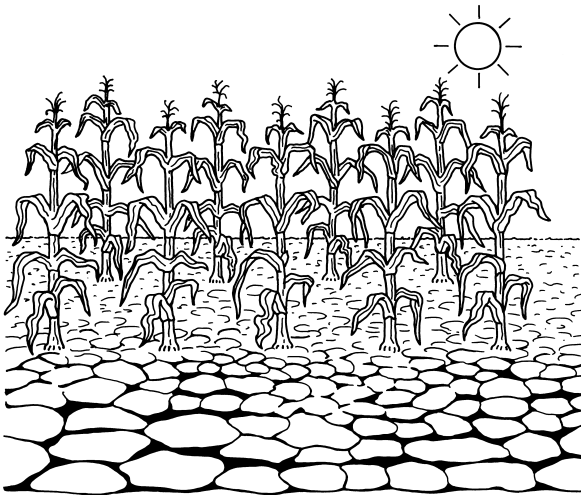
- F Straight
- G Curved
- H Rotating
- J Vibrating

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Look at the three animals. What are two characteristics that they all have in common?

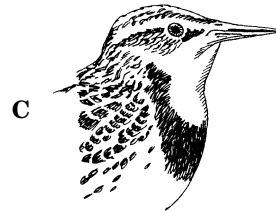
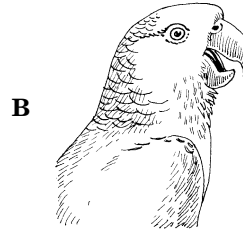
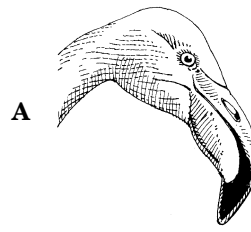
- A Wings and feathers
- B Wings and legs
- C Fur and legs
- D Fur and feathers



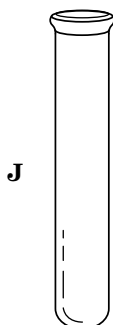
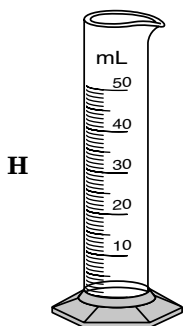
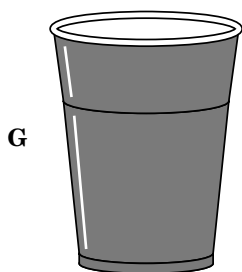
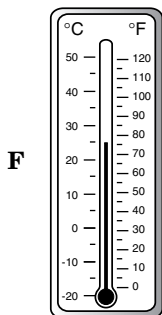
Which of these weather conditions caused the corn field to look like the picture?

- F A flood
- G A drought
- H A snowstorm
- J A tornado

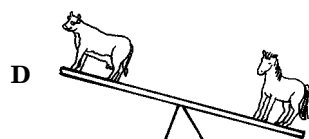
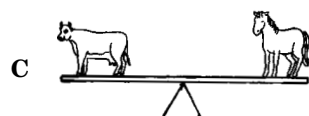
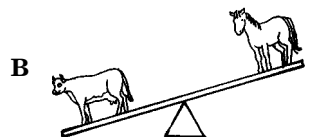
31 Which of these birds has the most triangular beak?

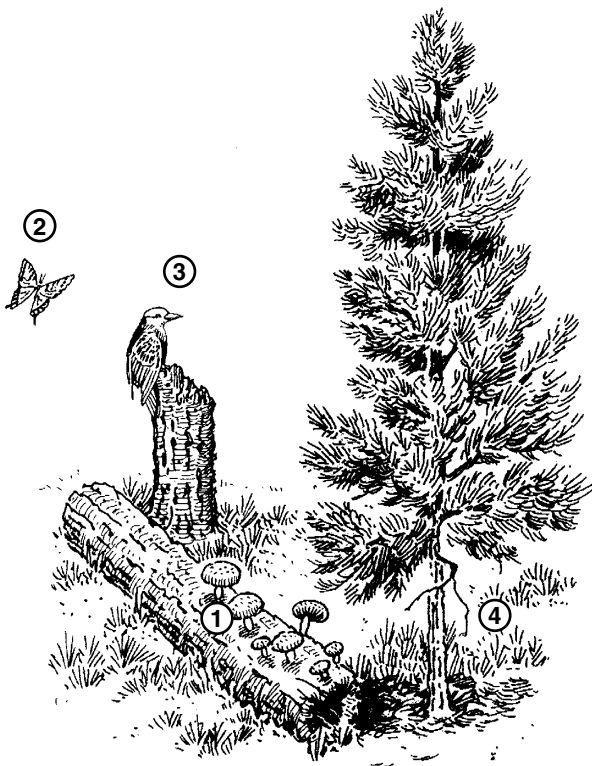


- 32 A student uses a pan to catch rainwater for watering plants. Which of these would be BEST to use for measuring the amount of rainwater in the pan?



- 33 Which of these shows that the toy cow is lighter than the toy horse?





Which of these is a decomposer?

- F 1
- G 2
- H 3
- J 4

35 The leaves of a plant —

- A make food and oxygen
- B hold the plant in the ground
- C make fruits and seeds
- D hold up the flowers

36 The last stage in the life cycle of an animal is —

- F having babies
- G growing
- H dying
- J being born

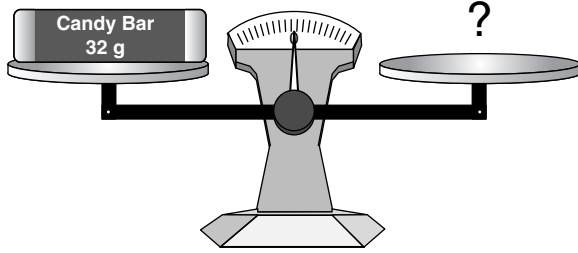
37 Which of these human activities is MOST damaging to the air?

- A Picking fruit from a tree
- B Planting a garden
- C Burning tires
- D Riding a bike

















38 When you sharpen a pencil, it becomes —

- F smaller
- G harder
- H smoother
- J more flexible

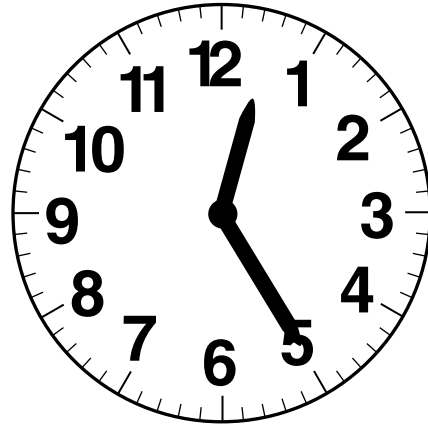
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Which group of weights has a mass of 32 grams?

- A  
- B   
- C     
- D    
 

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What is the time shown on the clock?

- F 12:25
- G 12:35
- H 1:25
- J 5:03