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Blended Learning Lesson Giant Pumpkin

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. incredible | <u>E</u> | A. do better than someone in a contest |
| 2. championship | _____ | B. more than is usual |
| 3. world record | _____ | C. the best in the world |
| 4. beat | _____ | D. several shows or performances in one place |
| 5. seed | _____ | E. difficult to believe |
| 6. extra | _____ | F. very surprised |
| 7. festival | _____ | G. a small object from which a new plant can grow |
| 8. amazed | _____ | H. a contest |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense if necessary.

1. I was amazed by the size of the giant pumpkin.
2. Let's buy some _____ and grow some flowers in our garden.
3. My sister can easily _____ me in a game of chess.
4. I won a gold medal at the European tennis _____.
5. We have some _____ time. Let's get a snack before our flight.
6. Would you like to go with me to the music _____ next week?
7. She set a new _____ during the Olympics.
8. His brother can speak ten languages! That's _____!

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

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Giant Pumpkin

Topic: Halloween

In October 2023, Travis Gienger grew a giant pumpkin named "Michael Jordan" that weighed an **incredible**¹ 2,749 pounds! That's as heavy as a car! Travis won first place at the 50th World **Championship**² Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, California. His pumpkin set a new **world record**³, **beating**⁴ the old record of 2,702 pounds from 2021.



Travis, who has been growing pumpkins since he was a teenager, grows his pumpkins in his backyard in Minnesota, even though it's really cold there. He used a special **seed**⁵ called 2365 Wolf and gave his pumpkin **extra**⁶ care to help it grow so big. He won \$30,000 and a special ring and jacket for his hard work.

Travis's pumpkin was so big that it could have made 687 pies! People at the Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin **Festival**⁷ were **amazed**⁸ when they saw it. Travis loves making people happy with his giant pumpkins, and he's already thinking about growing an even bigger one next year. He hopes to break more records and bring more joy to everyone who sees his pumpkins!

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Listening and Spelling Practice

Giant Pumpkin

- Listen to the article and fill in each space with a missing vowel (a, e, i, o, u).

In October 2023, Travis Gienger grew a giant pumpkin named "Michael Jordan" that weighed an incredible 2,749 pounds! Th__t's __s h__vy __s __c_r! Tr__v__s w__n f__rst pl__c__ __t th__ 50th W__rld Ch__mp__nsh__p P__mpk__n W__gh__ff __n H__lf M__n B__y, C__l__f__rn__. H__s p__mpk__n s__t __n__w w__rld r__c__rd, b__t__ng th__ __ld r__c__rd __f 2,702 pounds from 2021.

Travis, who has been growing pumpkins since he was a teenager, grows his pumpkins in his backyard in Minnesota, even though it's really cold there. H__ __s__d __ sp__c__l s__d c__ll__d 2365 W__lf __nd g__v__ h__s p__mpk__n __xtr__ c__r__t__ h__lp __t gr__w s__ b__g. H__ w__n \$30,000 __nd __ sp__c__l r__ng and jacket for his hard work.

Travis's pumpkin was so big that it could have made 687 pies! People at the Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin Festival were amazed when they saw it. Tr__v__s l__v__s m__k__ng p__pl__ h__ppy w__th h__s g__nt p__mpk__ns, __nd h__'s __lr__dy th__nk__ng __b__t gr__w__ng __n __v__n b__gg__r __n__n__xt y__r. H__ h__p__s t__ br__k m__r__ r__c__rds __nd br__ng m__r__ j__y t__ __v__ry__n__ wh__ sees his pumpkins!

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Grammar Practice

Giant Pumpkin

- **Choose the best words to complete the sentences.**

In October 2023, Travis Gienger **(1)**_____ a giant pumpkin named "Michael Jordan" that weighed **(2)**_____ incredible 2,749 pounds! That's as heavy **(3)**_____ a car! Travis won first place at the 50th World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, California. **(4)**_____ pumpkin set a new world record, beating the old record of 2,702 pounds from 2021.

Travis, who has been growing pumpkins **(5)**_____ he was a teenager, grows his pumpkins in his backyard in Minnesota, even though **(6)**_____ really cold there. He used a special seed called 2365 Wolf and gave his pumpkin extra **(7)**_____ to help it grow so **(8)**_____ . He won \$30,000 and a special ring and jacket for his hard work.

Travis's pumpkin was so big that it could have made 687 pies! People at the Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin Festival **(9)**_____ amazed when they saw it. Travis **(10)**_____ making people happy with his giant pumpkins, and he's already thinking about growing **(11)**_____ even bigger one next year. He hopes to break more records and bring more joy to everyone **(12)**_____ sees his pumpkins!

- 1.**
(A) grown
(B) grows
(C) grew

- 2.**
(A) a
(B) an
(C) those

- 3.**
(A) more
(B) a
(C) as

- 4.**
(A) His
(B) Him
(C) He

- 5.**
(A) since
(B) but
(C) for

- 6.**
(A) it
(B) it's
(C) its

- 7.**
(A) cares
(B) careful
(C) care

- 8.**
(A) big
(B) biggest
(C) bigger

- 9.**
(A) were
(B) was
(C) are

- 10.**
(A) love
(B) loves
(C) lovely

- 11.**
(A) a
(B) the
(C) an

- 12.**
(A) when
(B) who
(C) where

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ Travis Gienger and Michael Jordan grew the giant pumpkin.
2. _____ The pumpkin contest was held in California.
3. _____ Travis grew his pumpkin in Minnesota.
4. _____ Travis won a ring that cost \$30,000.
5. _____ The town made 687 pumpkin pies with the pumpkin.
6. _____ Travis wants to continue growing giant pumpkins.

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. What three questions would you like to ask Travis Gienger?
2. Can people grow giant apples or bananas? Why? / Why not?
3. Do you think it's possible to grow a pumpkin the size of a house?
Why? / Why not?

Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "Giant Pumpkin"

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes some Present Perfect)

Vocabulary 187 words

A1 words-55% / **A2** words-18% / **B1** words-5% / **B2** words-1%

Off-List 21%

Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

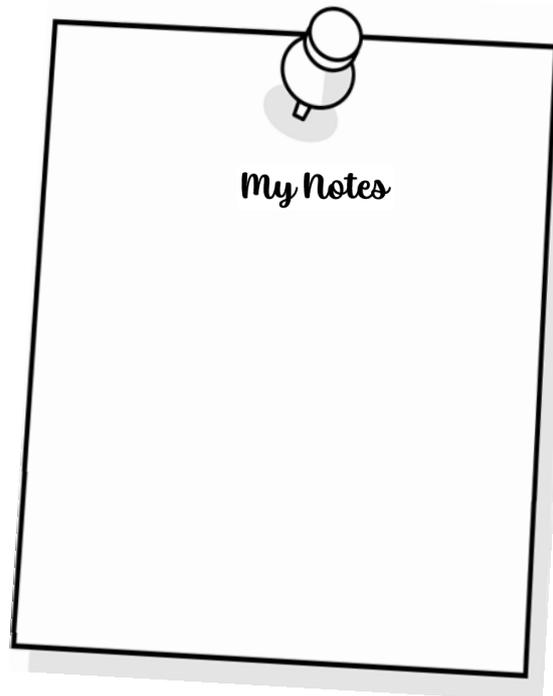


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ANSWER KEY Page 1

● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|-----------------|
| 1. E | 1. amazed |
| 2. H | 2. seeds |
| 3. C | 3. beat |
| 4. A | 4. championship |
| 5. G | 5. extra |
| 6. B | 6. festival |
| 7. D | 7. world record |
| 8. F | 8. incredible |



ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. C | 7. C |
| 2. B | 8. A |
| 3. C | 9. A |
| 4. A | 10. B |
| 5. A | 11. C |
| 6. B | 12. B |

ANSWER KEY Page 5

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

- | | |
|------|------|
| 1. F | 4. F |
| 2. T | 5. F |
| 3. T | 6. T |

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