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Cranberries Float Up in the Bog

Circle group

Cranberries grow on low vines. The vines grow in a bog. The berries are red and round. They are a bit sour.

A cranberry has pockets of air inside. Air is light. So a cranberry floats.

At harvest time, farmers fill the bog with water. The berries come off the vines. They float up! The bog turns red.

Farmers scoop up the berries.

Questions

1. What do cranberries grow on?

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2. What is the field called?

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3. What is inside a cranberry?

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4. What do farmers fill the bog with?

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5. Why do the cranberries float?

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Words to know

vine: a long plant stem that grows low or climbs
bog: a soft, wet field
harvest: the time when farmers pick the crop
float: to stay on top of water

scoop: to lift something up with a tool

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Cranberries Float Up in the Bog

Triangle group

Cranberries grow on low vines. The vines grow in a field called a bog. The berries are red and round and a bit sour.

Each cranberry has little pockets of air inside. Air is light, so a cranberry can float on water.

At harvest time, farmers fill the bog with water. A machine shakes the berries off the vines. Up they pop! The berries float to the top, and the whole bog turns red.

Farmers pull the berries to one side and scoop them up. Then the berries go to a store, and some become juice or a sauce for dinner.

Questions

1. What do cranberries grow on?

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2. What is the field called?

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3. What is inside each cranberry?

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4. What do farmers fill the bog with at harvest time?

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5. Why do the cranberries float?

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Cranberries Float Up in the Bog

Square group

Cranberries grow on low vines in a soft, wet field called a bog. The berries are round and red, and they taste a little bit sour.

Inside every cranberry there are tiny pockets of air. Because air is so light, a cranberry is able to float on top of water.

When harvest time comes, farmers flood the bog with water, and a machine gently shakes the berries loose from the vines. Up they pop! The berries float to the surface, and the whole bog turns bright red.

Then the farmers pull the berries to one side of the bog and scoop them all up.

Questions

1. What kind of plants do cranberries grow on?

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2. What is the soft, wet field called?

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3. What is inside every cranberry that makes it light?

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4. What do the farmers fill the bog with when harvest time comes?

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5. Why are cranberries able to float on top of water?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Cranberries Float Up in the Bog

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Cranberries Float Up in the Bog

Easier · 63 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. Low vines.
2. A bog.
3. Pockets of air.
4. Water.
5. They have air inside, and air is light.

Triangle: Cranberries Float Up in the Bog

This passage · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. Low vines.
2. A bog.
3. Little pockets of air.
4. Water.
5. They have air inside, and air is light.

Square: Cranberries Float Up in the Bog

Harder · 104 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.3

1. Low vines.
2. A bog.
3. Tiny pockets of air.
4. Water.
5. They have pockets of air inside, and air is very light.