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Read the text and then answer the questions.

Fall is special. It is a unique season. It's when harvest festivals occur. Harvest time is a time to gather. People enjoy the harvest. They give thanks for the food. They prepare for the long winter.

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1. According to the text, what makes fall special?
- (A) harvest festivals
 - (B) a long winter that comes after
 - (C) the end of summer
 - (D) It is also called autumn.

2. What is **not** done to celebrate the harvest?
- (A) gathering
 - (B) preparing for the winter
 - (C) eating the entire harvest
 - (D) giving thanks

3. What does the contraction *it's* mean?

- (A) its is
- (B) it was
- (C) it is
- (D) it us

4. What does it mean to *give thanks*?

- (A) make a Thanksgiving meal
- (B) celebrate with a large party
- (C) give a thank-you letter
- (D) feel thankful

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Farmers pay close attention to weather. Most follow the forecast. They watch for rain. They know if snow's coming. They want to know about storms. Floods and droughts are the most serious. They can ruin an entire crop. A farmer's life will always be affected by weather.

1. How are farmers and weather related?

- (A) A farmer's crop is always ruined by weather.
- (B) A farmer's crop is always determined by weather.
- (C) A farmer's crop only grows in good weather.
- (D) A farmer can always predict the weather.

2. What is the most serious weather that farmers watch for?

- (A) rain
- (B) floods and droughts
- (C) snow
- (D) storms

3. Which suffix can be added to the root word *serious*?

- (A) *-ly*
- (B) *-tion*
- (C) *-er*
- (D) *-ed*

4. What is a weather *forecast*?

- (A) a report
- (B) a prediction
- (C) a test
- (D) a measurement

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Schools want to serve good food. A healthy diet is important. It is about good nutrition. Lunchrooms now have more fruits and vegetables. They do not offer junk food. This also means no soda or juice. Most parents are happy with this new idea.

1. Why should schools serve healthy food?

- (A) because it is faster to make
- (B) because it costs less
- (C) because all kids like fruits and vegetables
- (D) because good nutrition is important for young kids

2. What is considered junk food?

- (A) apples
- (B) cheese
- (C) soda
- (D) milk

3. Which word from the text **cannot** have an -s suffix?

- (A) food
- (B) healthy
- (C) idea
- (D) fruit

4. Which food would **not** be considered part of a *healthy diet*?

- (A) potato chips
- (B) carrots
- (C) watermelon
- (D) yogurt

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Farm to Table

The corn on your plate did not grow in a store. It grew on a farm. A farmer planted that corn seed and then helped it to grow. Ears of corn were picked from their stalks. They likely came to the store in a truck.

It is important to know where your food comes from before you eat it. Foods that can be traced to a farm, an orchard, or a ranch are often the healthiest to eat. Fruits and vegetables are some of those foods. Meat and dairy products are other examples.

Farmers and farm workers help you get the food that you need to eat. They watch over plants and animals. They tend to crops. They also milk cows and gather eggs from chickens. Without this work, there would be no food coming into the stores.



Truck drivers are part of the process, too. They bring the nutritious food from the farm to the store. This means that you do not have to travel to the farm yourself. This way, you can go to a store in town and find what you need.

Finally, the store workers organize the food. They keep it fresh. They keep some foods cold or frozen. Store workers make sure you are buying food that is still healthy to eat.

During the next meal that you eat, think about where your food comes from. Imagine who might have picked that corn. Picture the person who grew the wheat for your bread. How would you eat eggs if someone had not cared for the chickens?

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1. How is this important for all readers?

- (A) All readers have visited a farm.
- (B) All readers have milked a cow.
- (C) All readers can think about where their food comes from.
- (D) All readers eat healthy food.

2. Where does most of our food come from?

- (A) a warm
- (B) a firm
- (C) a form
- (D) a farm

3. Which comes from an *orchard*?

- (A) milk
- (B) chicken
- (C) peaches
- (D) pork

4. What is true about food that comes from a farm?

- (A) It is always picked by a farm worker.
- (B) It is usually the healthiest type of food to eat.
- (C) It is old by the time it gets to your table.
- (D) It travels by airplane to get to the store.

5. What does this text encourage the reader to do?

- (A) to work on a farm
- (B) to milk a cow
- (C) to think about the people who helped get food on their table
- (D) to visit a ranch

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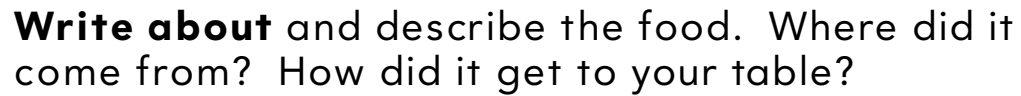
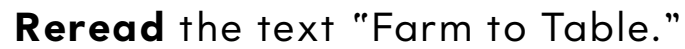
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