



## LEARNING LADDERS

# Plants Around the World

Which California trees can grow to be taller than the Statue of Liberty? What is the name of the insect-eating plant found along the coasts of North Carolina and South Carolina? Read *Plants Around the World* to find out!

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

- Plants make their own food from ...
  - Moonlight
  - Sunlight
  - Meat
  - Other plants
- Ferns grow in areas that are ...
  - Dry and dark
  - Damp and sunny
  - Damp and shady
  - Dry and sunny
- The Venus's-flytrap is a plant that eats ...
  - Insects
  - Mice
  - Small frogs
  - Berries
- Greenhouses are made of ...
  - Bricks and cement
  - Glass and plastic
  - Wooden logs
  - Green tarps
- Is bamboo a type of grass or a type of cactus?
- What is the world's largest flower?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Plants are living things that grow in almost every part of the world. | _____ 4. Cactuses need a lot of water to survive.   |
| _____ 2. Trees are never taller than buildings.                                | _____ 5. Many kinds of orchids do not grow in soil. |
| _____ 3. There are many different kinds of grass.                              | _____ 6. Human beings could live without plants.    |



## ANSWERS

- 1. b. Sunlight.** According to section "How Do Plants Grow?" on page 6, we know that "Plants make their own food from sunlight." So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. c. Damp and shady.** According to section "Fern" on page 14, we know that "They grow in damp, shady areas." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. a. Insects.** According to section "Venus's-Flytrap" on page 20, we know that "Venus's-flytrap is a plant that eats insects!" So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. b. Glass and plastic.** According to section "Greenhouse growing" on page 24, we know that "Its roof and walls are made of clear glass or plastic so that plenty of sunlight gets through." So, the correct answer is B.
- 5.** According to page 10, bamboo is "a type of woody grass."
- 6.** According to page 26, the world's largest flower is the rafflesia. It can measure over three feet across.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What is a plant?" on page 4, we know that "Plants are living things that grow in almost every part of the world." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "Tree" on page 8, we know that "Some trees are taller than a 30-story building!" So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "Grass" on page 10, we know that "There are many different kinds of grass." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section "Cactus" on page 16, we know that "Cactuses have parts that help them live in dry places." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "Orchid" on page 18, we know that "Many kinds of orchids do not grow in soil." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section "How plants help us" on page 22, we know that "Without plants, people could not survive." So, the correct answer is False.