



Practice Items

High School

Reading

Examiner's Copy
and
Student Materials

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Item 1

Option:

Student
Response

Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a story to you, follow along. (Point to and read story to student.) Franco likes dogs. He has a dog named Fido. They play together all the time. Franco would like to take Fido to school. Fido likes people and is very gentle. What is the dog's name? Spot, Fido, or Franco


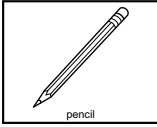
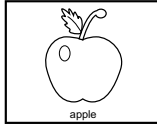
A	B	C	
Spot	Fido	Franco	

Item 2

Option:

Student
Response

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a sentence to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentence to student.) The boy reached for a blank to write with. What word should go in the blank? book, pencil, or apple

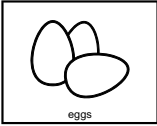
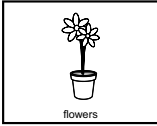
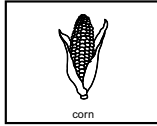
A	B	C	
 book	 pencil	 apple	

Item 3

Option:

Student
Response

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) Corn is an important crop in Virginia. Farmers plant corn in the spring. People like to eat sweet corn, and field corn is used to feed animals. What is an important crop in Virginia? eggs, flowers, or corn

A	B	C	
 eggs	 flowers	 corn	

Item 4

Option:

Student
Response

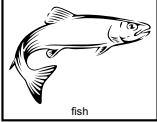
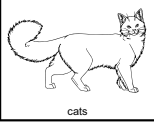
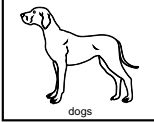
Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) Benjamin Franklin was a scientist and an inventor. He was born in 1706. Franklin is most famously remembered for discovering electricity. He discovered that lightning was electricity by flying a kite in a storm in 1750. This experiment led to his invention of the lightning rod. Who invented the lightning rod? Martin, Franklin, or Roosevelt

A	B	C	
Martin	Franklin	Roosevelt	

Item 5

Option:

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) Dogs are good pets. Some dogs are big. Some dogs are furry. Dogs like to run and play. What is this story about? fish, cats, or dogs

A	B	C	Student Response
 fish	 cats	 dogs	

Item 6

Option:

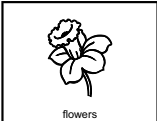

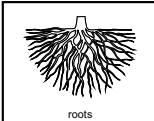
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A	B	C	Student Response
drum	dance	eat	

Item 7

Option:

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) Different plants have different types of roots. The roots of some plants look like a carrot and go deep down. Other roots look like hair and spread out wide. Roots collect food and water to help plants grow. What collects food and water for plants? flowers, leaves, or roots

A	B	C	Student Response
 flowers	 leaves	 roots	

Item 8

Option:

Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) The word surf can mean a couple of different things. The surf of the ocean is the area where the waves crash onto the shore. To surf on a surfboard is to ride the boards on the waves. Gail likes to surf with friends. What is this story about? surf, ride, or ocean

A	B	C	Student Response
surf	ride	ocean	

Item 9

Option:

Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a story to you, follow along. (Point to and read story). Many people like to eat sandwiches for lunch. There are many kinds of sandwiches, but all sandwiches are made with bread. Sandwiches are a good meal to take on a picnic because you can hold them in your hand. Some popular sandwiches are peanut butter and jelly, grilled cheese, and turkey. What are all sandwiches made with? apples, bread, or lunch

A	B	C	Student Response
apples	bread	lunch	

Item 10

Option:

Here is a sentence and three words for you to read. (Point to answer choices.) What is another word for combine? (Point to answer choices.) A, B, or C

A	B	C	Student Response
mix	stop	cake	

Item 11

Option:

Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentence to student.) Art is an expression of creativity and talent. There are different forms of art. Each form has different tools and instruments. A person who creates art is called an artist. An artist who builds figures with clay and stone is a sculptor. Artists who express themselves through music are called musicians. What are artists called who build figures from clay and stone? tools, musicians, or sculptors

A	B	C	Student Response
tools	musicians	sculptors	

Item 1

Franco likes dogs. He has a dog named Fido. They play together all the time. Franco would like to take Fido to school. Fido likes people and is very gentle.

What is the dog's name?

Spot

Fido

Franco

A

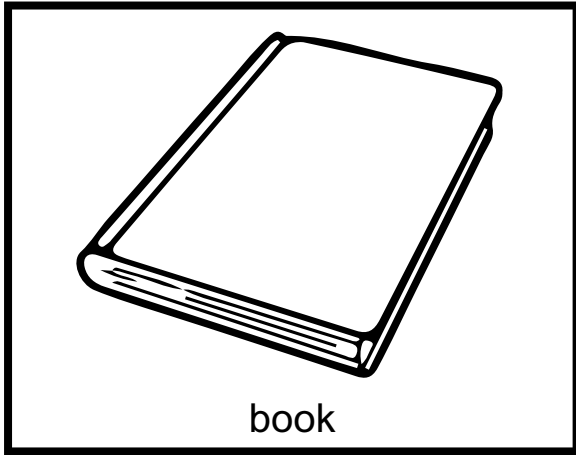
B

C

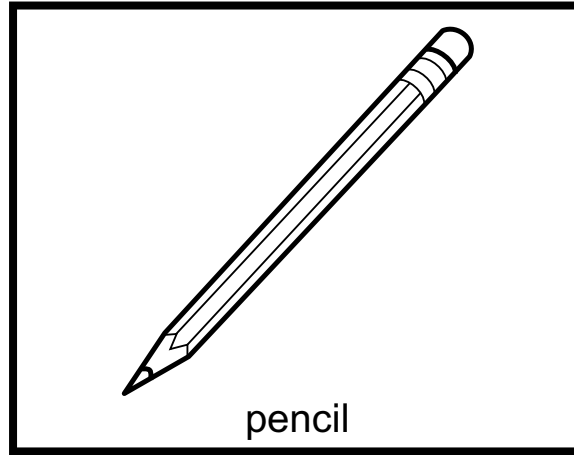
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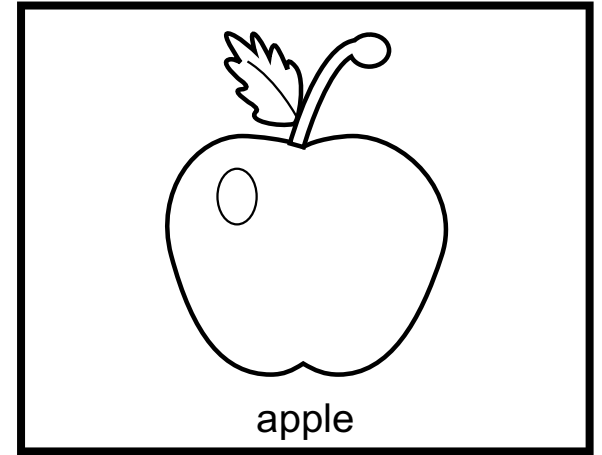
What word should go in the blank?



A



B

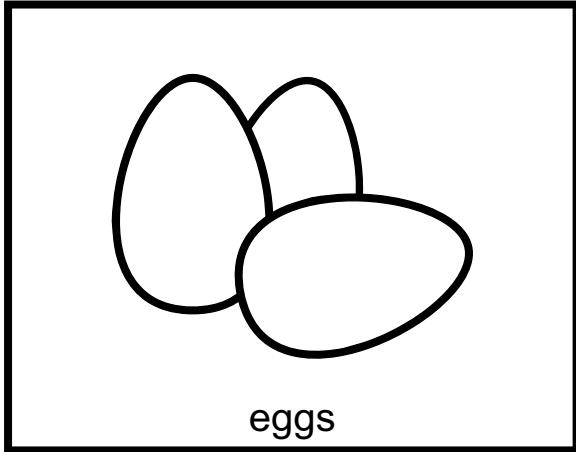


C

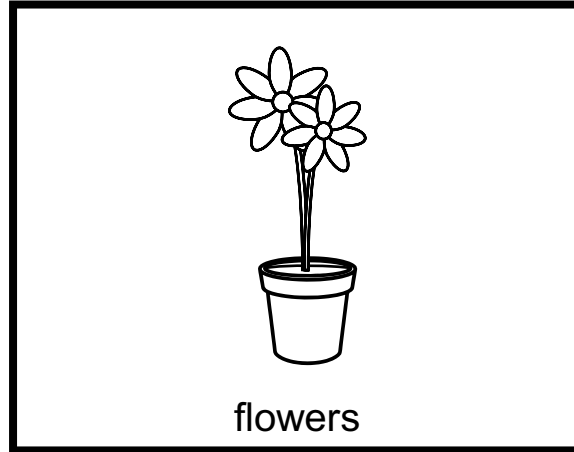
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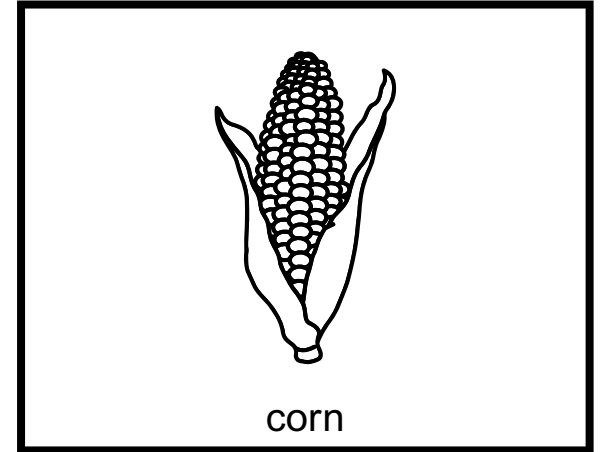
What is an important crop in Virginia?



A



B



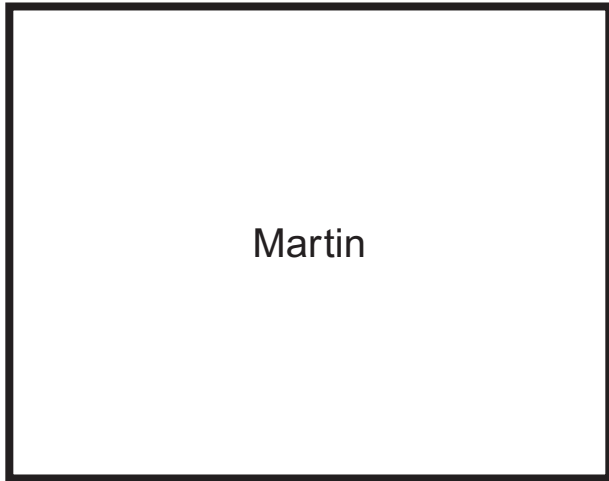
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Item 4

Benjamin Franklin was a scientist and an inventor. He was born in 1706.

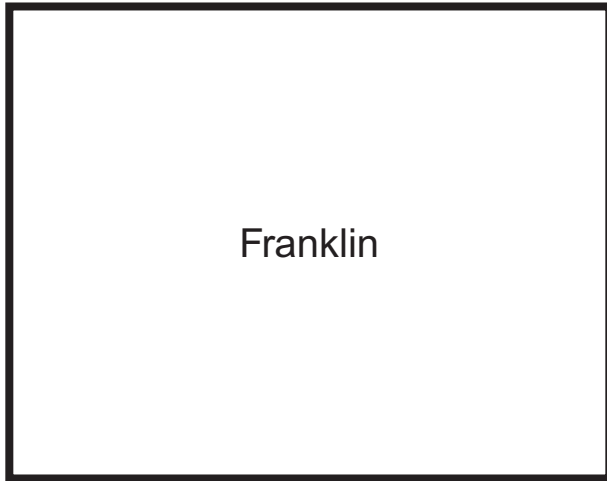
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Who invented the lightning rod?



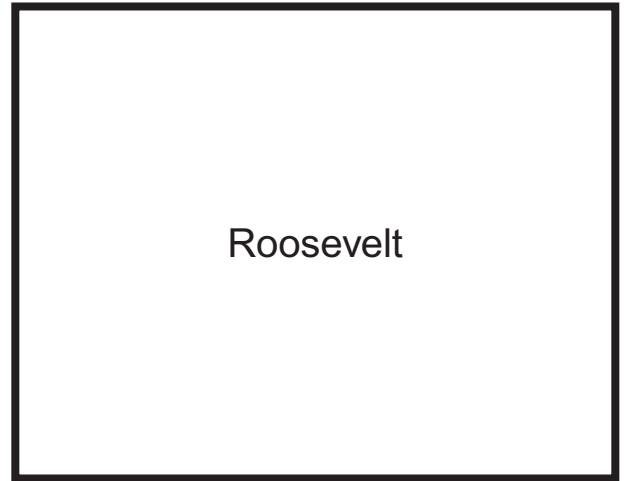
Martin

A



Franklin

B



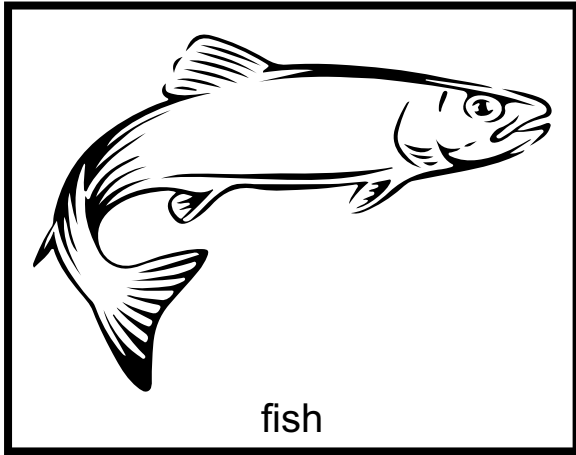
Roosevelt

C

Item 5

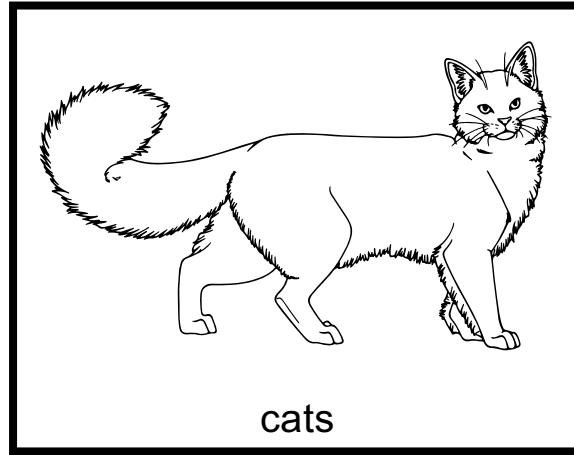
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What is this story about?



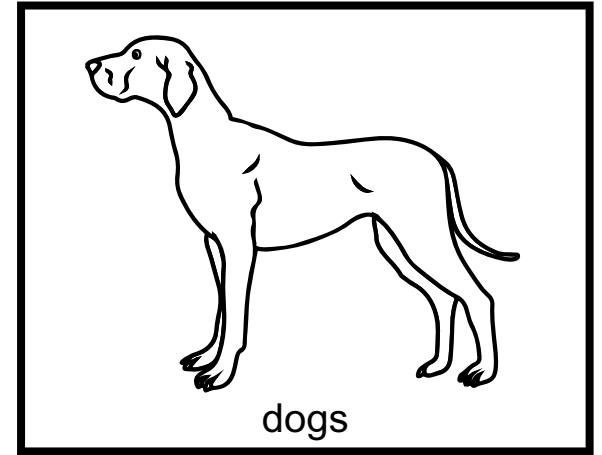
fish

A



cats

B



dogs

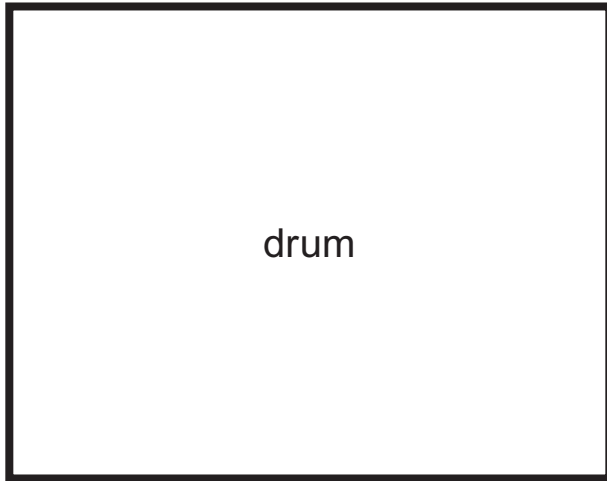
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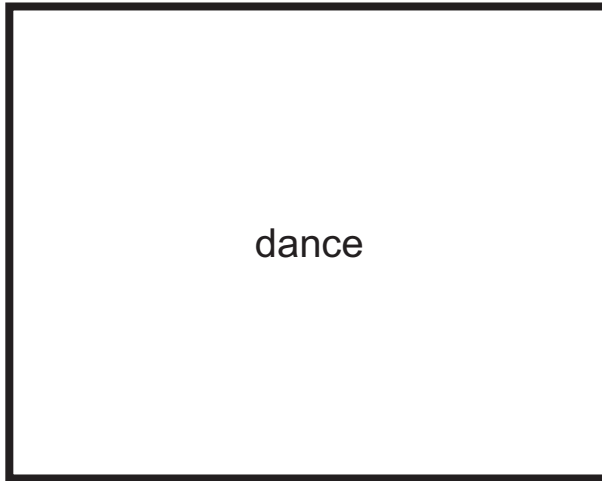
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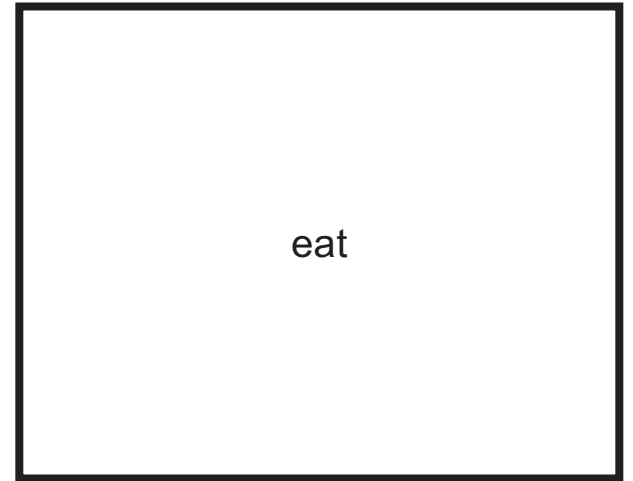
What does Chico do for fun?



A



B

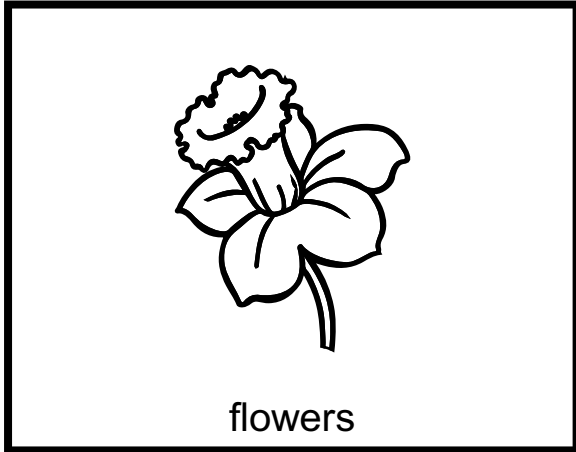


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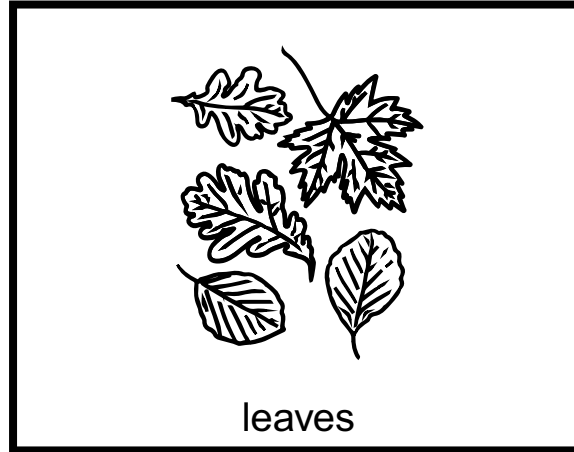
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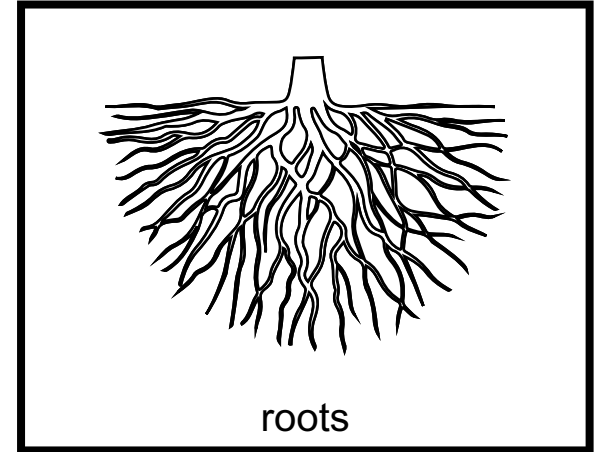
What collects food and water for plants?



A



B

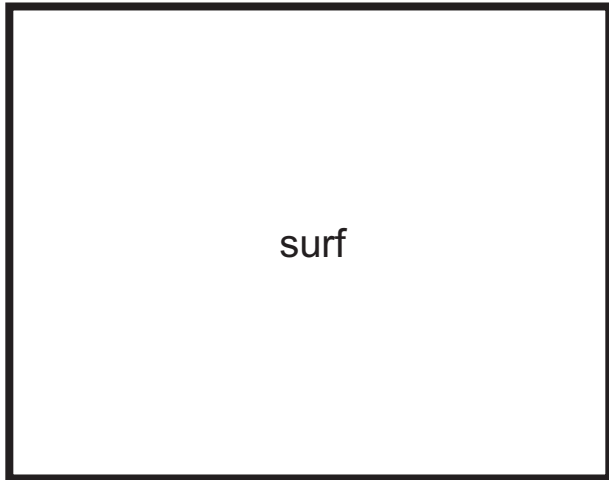


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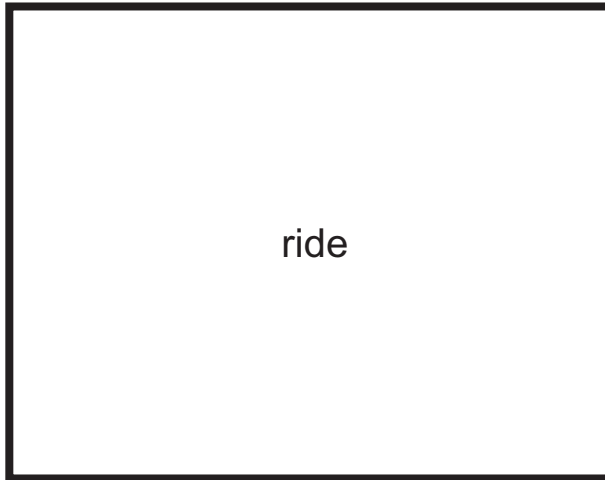
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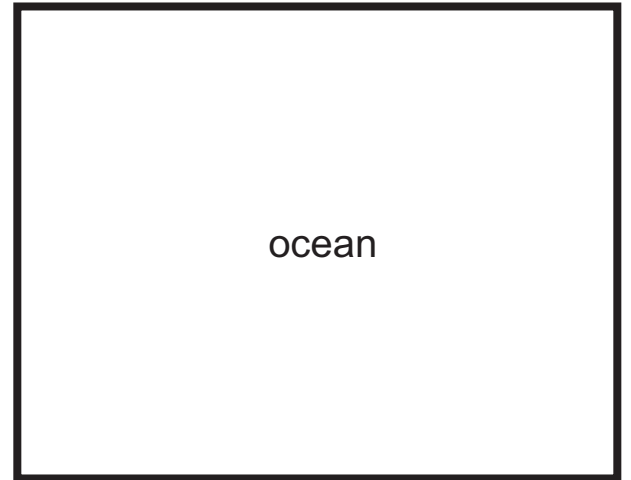
What is this story about?



A



B

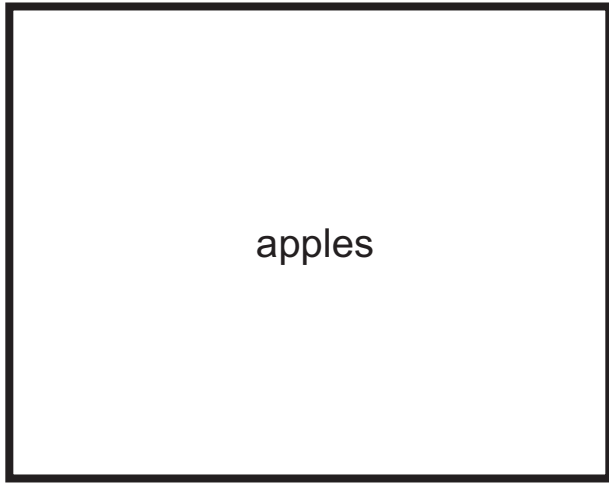


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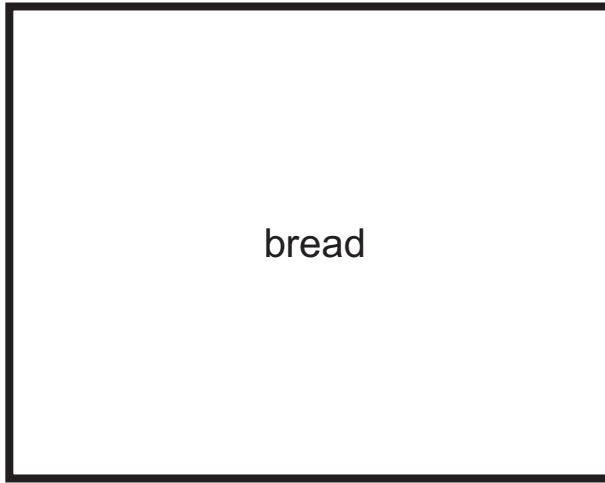
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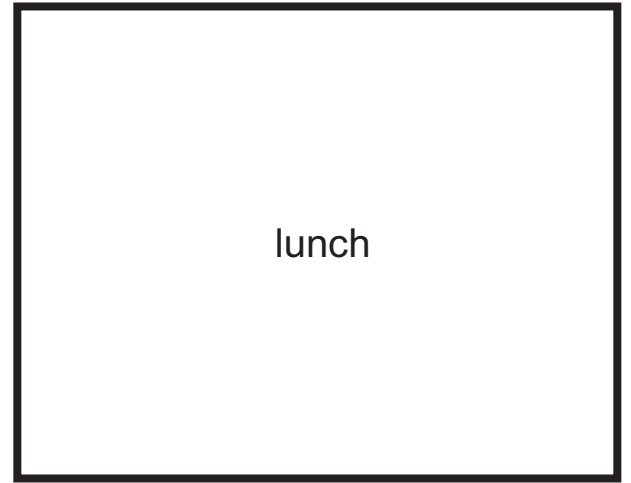
What are all sandwiches made with?



A



B



C

Item 10

You have to combine ingredients to make a cake.

What is another word for combine?

mix

stop

cake

A

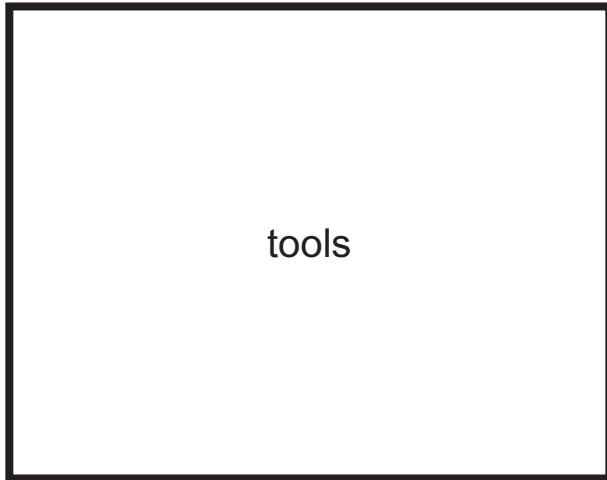
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C

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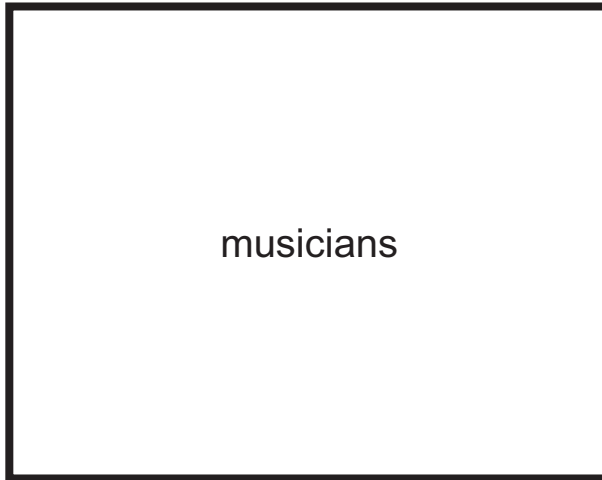
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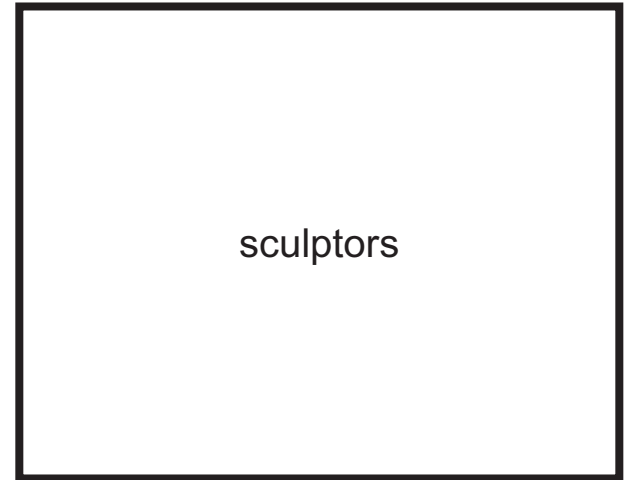
tools

A



musicians

B



sculptors

C

