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READING COMPREHENSION

Instructions: Read the story. Then, answer the questions below by circling the correct answer.

Farming and Our Food

Farming is an important job that helps provide food for communities. On a family farm, Maya helps prepare the soil and plant corn seeds in the spring. During the growing season, the farmer checks the plants for pests and uses drip irrigation to deliver water directly to the roots. This method helps conserve water. At harvest time, workers gather the crops, sort them, and deliver them to markets. Careful planning and sustainable farming practices help farmers grow healthy food while protecting the soil for future seasons.



1. What does Maya help do in the spring?

a. Prepare the soil and plant corn seeds

b. Build a road for the farm

c. Harvest the crops before they grow

2. Why does the farmer use drip irrigation?

a. To cool the workers

b. To deliver water directly to the roots and reduce waste

c. To protect crops from every insect

3. What does "sustainable farming practices" most nearly mean?

a. Methods that make farmers work faster

b. Using more fertilizer every season

c. Methods that protect resources for the future

4. What happens after the crops are gathered?

a. They are sorted and delivered to markets

b. They are left in the field until winter

c. They are planted again immediately

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

a. Farms only grow corn.

b. Producing food requires planning and caring for natural resources.

c. Harvesting crops does not require preparation.

Answer key

1. Prepare the soil and plant corn seeds

2. To deliver water directly to the roots and reduce waste

3. Methods that protect resources for the future

4. They are sorted and delivered to markets

5. Producing food requires planning and caring for natural resources.