



TWEEN SET CHALLENGE FOR 8 - 12 YEAR-OLDS

How much do you know about squash?
Can you answer these questions?

To find the info you need, explore the Pick-a-Peck-of-Pumpkins exhibition in the Governor's Garden and go home with a prize!

Remember: Read ALL the questions before you begin!

To find the mystery phrase, write your answers on the grid on the back of this sheet.

1 What vegetables did the Iroquois grow with squash?

- A – Sunflowers and tomatoes
- B – Beans and potatoes
- C – Beans and corn

2 Are you a music fan?
Did you know that dried and hollowed out squash can be used to make a percussion instrument?
Which of the following is *not* made from a squash?

- H – Shekere
- O – Kora
- U – Didjeridoo
- R – Balafon

3 In Europe, originally, on All Hallows' Eve, a vegetable other than squash was carved into a lantern to scare away spirits. Was it:

- R – a Beet
- O – a Celery Root
- C – a Turnip
- K – Asparagus

4 What city has a melon named after it? Is it:

- O – Ottawa
- U – Montréal
- C – Paris
- H – Drummondville

5 Where is the best place to store squash?

- O – In the freezer
- R – Under your bed at room temperature
- T – In your basement cellar
- S – In the shower

6 Sometimes, squash can have surprising uses!
Which of the following can be used as a sponge?

- C – Chayote
- A – Bottle Gourd
- B – Ridge Luffa
- L – Colocynth
- E – Fig-Leaved Gourd

7 What do you call a new variety of squash, bred from an older one?

- I – Hybrid
- P – Mutant
- A – Frankensquash

8 In France, in the 15th century, the word « course » (pumpkin or squash) designated:

- R – A big head
- S – A big nose
- T – A big backside
- Z – A big belly

9 Melons and cantaloupes are both of the species known in Latin as *cucumis melo*. What makes them different from other squash is their flesh, which is said to be:

- A – Stringy
- U – Fibrous
- X – Lacey
- I – Mushy

10 How many varieties of Cucurbitaceae (also called cucurbits) are there?

- H – 80
- O – 825
- P – over 1,000

11 There were no refrigerators in New France! In summer, they ate « summer squash» and in winter, what they called « winter squash ». Which of the following statements is false?

- V – Cantaloupe is a summer squash.
- E – Zucchini is a winter squash.
- A – Pattypan squash is a summer squash.
- U – Pumpkin is a winter squash.

12 The mild taste of squash blends well with all ingredients, but in autumn it is often mixed with pumpkin pie spice. Which of the following spices would NOT be part of the mix:

- D – Clove and nutmeg
- O – Cinnamon and ginger
- P – Turmeric and cayenne pepper

13 What did Grandma recommend to prevent cavities?

- P – Rub your teeth with a piece of squash every night before bed.
- O – Take a teaspoon of pumpkin seeds, day and night, for 21 days.
- C – Keep a little pumpkin by your bedside all of October to scare away cavities.
- K – Keep 7 squash seeds in the left-hand pocket of your pants whenever you eat candy.

(Remember to follow this advice before eating your Halloween candy!) 😊

Write your answers here:

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Answer									

Question	10	11	12	13
Answer				

Finished? Did you read these words in the exhibition? What do they mean in English?
Go to the Château Ramezay's Reception Desk and present your answer to pick up your prize.
Now, you're ready to impress family and friends with everything you know about squash!

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