



Sunflowers

The sunflower plant is a very attractive yellow flower. It gets its name from its yellow sun-like face and also from the ability to rotate its face toward the sun as the sun moves from east to west during the day. With plenty of sun and water, the sunflower can grow over three metres tall.

The sunflower is so beautiful that it is often used in flower arrangements. It has been painted by many artists,

too. Even the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh did a series of sunflower paintings. The sunflower design is often used in arts and crafts and even fabric for clothing.

However, the sunflower is more than a pretty yellow flower. It is an important farm crop and provides food for people and wildlife. Sunflower seeds are used as a snack food. Birds love sunflower seeds and many people buy black oil sunflower seeds for their bird feeders.

The most important use of the sunflower crop is for sunflower oil. Sunflower oil is extracted from sunflower seeds. It is used for salad dressings, frying, and baking.

So you can see that the sunflower is a beautiful plant and also an excellent source of food. It is a very important crop on prairie farms in Canada.



- 1** In the sentence “The sunflower plant is a very attractive yellow flower.” (lines 1 to 2), which word suggests that the author likes sunflowers?
- very
 - attractive
 - yellow
 - flower
- 2** The sunflower gets its name from looking like
- the sun.
 - a big ball.
 - a fire.
 - weeds.
- 3** According to the text, what is the BEST reason for a sunflower to turn to the sun?
- to get energy and grow tall
 - to look at the sunlight
 - to see the sky
 - to rotate its face
- 4** How does the sunflower turn its face during the day?
- from west to east
 - from east to west
 - all the way around
 - from the ground up to the sun

- 5** What is paragraph 1 of the text MAINLY about?
- things that are special about the sunflower
 - how the sunflower gets its name
 - the size of the sunflower
 - how the sunflower can grow tall
- 6** According to the text, which word shows that Vincent Van Gogh is well-known?
- famous (line 12)
 - artist (line 12)
 - series (line 13)
 - paintings (line 13)
- 7** The word “fabric” (line 15) means
- drawing.
 - cloth.
 - weaving.
 - needlework.
- 8** According to the text, what do birds love?
- sunflower oil
 - people
 - sunflower seeds
 - bird feeders