

Read, Write & Blue!

Reading/Language Arts Activity Sheet for Grades 3-4

Long Live the Blueberry

Blueberries have been around for approximately 10,000 years,* and people have been enjoying them for a long time. Native inhabitants of North America learned how to **preserve** blueberries so they could have them all year. Blueberries were dried in the sun. Dried blueberries were added to stews and soups. Blueberries were crushed and rubbed into meat as a preservative. According to legend, Native Americans shared their blueberries with the Pilgrims.

In this passage, the word **preserve** means

- wash under cold water
- prepare food for future use
- bake in a pie

Place a check in the circle of the best answer to the question.

Which of the following foods did Native inhabitants *not* prepare with blueberries?

- Stew Soup
- Yogurt Meat

What can you guess from the last line of the passage?

- Native Americans liked blueberry ice cream.
- Pilgrims knew how to preserve meat.
- Pilgrims may have eaten blueberries.

What's Next in Line for Blueberries?

In each group below, one event is missing in the sequence. Write a sentence that makes sense in the sequence.

1. Mrs. Rodriguez bought fresh blueberries at the market.
 2. _____.
 3. The Rodriguez family enjoyed blueberry pie after dinner.
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1. At the packaging plant, containers of blueberries are placed in boxes and packed onto trucks.
 2. _____.
 3. The boxes of blueberries are unloaded, and grocers place the containers in the produce area of their grocery stores.
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1. Brandon took blueberries, orange juice, and yogurt out of the refrigerator.
 2. He put the three ingredients into a blender.
 3. _____.

The Blueberry At Its Best

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun.

Add **er** to an adjective when comparing two nouns.

Add **est** to an adjective when comparing three or more nouns.

Circle the correct form of the adjective in the parenthesis.

1. Mrs. Mayfield's blueberry cobbler is the (better, best) of all the desserts.
2. This blueberry bush is (taller, tallest) than the bush next to it.
3. Joe's blueberry smoothie is (thicker, thickest) than Amy's, but not as (thick, thicker) as Sue's.



The Bi-annual Blueberry Bake-off

A prefix is a syllable at the beginning of a word that changes its meaning. Add a prefix to the beginning of each bold word in the parenthesis to make a word that makes sense in each sentence. Write the new word on the line next to each statement.



- Candace needs to (**read** again) the contest rules. _____
- The recipe for blueberry-oatmeal cookies says to (before **heat**) the oven to 350 degrees. _____
- Let's (**set** again) the timer before we place the cookies in the oven. _____
- It is very (not **usual**) to win a bake-off contest twice in one year. _____

*U.S. Geological Survey, 11/9/2006; <http://esp.cr.usgs.gov/research/alaska/alaskaB.html>

