

English peas and sugar peas are both a kind of vegetable. Both can be eaten raw or cooked. They are easy to tell apart because sugar pea pods are flat while English pods are plump. Another important difference is that with English peas, you only eat the peas, and not the pod, however, with sugar peas, you eat the pod too.

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- c. problem and solution
- d. sequence

The capybara is the world's largest rodents. Capybaras can weigh up to 145 pounds (66 kg). They love the water and spend most of their time in swamps, ponds, and rivers. If you want to see a capybara in the wild, you will need to go to Central or South America.

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It is fun to make leaf rubbings in autumn. First, collect some interesting leaves. Then choose one leaf and put it underneath a piece of white paper. Next, peel the paper away from a dark-colored crayon and use the side of the crayon to color the paper over the leaf. Soon, you will see the shape of your leaf on the paper.

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An earthquake that occurs under the ocean may cause a tsunami. A tsunami is a series of giant waves that can cause a great deal of destruction, as well as many deaths when it hits the coast. So, if you are ever at the beach and hear a tsunami warning siren, you should run to higher ground as fast as you can.

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The largest ball of twine ever created by one person is located in Darwin, Minnesota. It was made by Francis A. Johnson who began winding the twine in 1950. By 1979, he had created a twine ball that measured 40 feet (12.2 m) around and weighed 8.7 tons!

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When I get to my classroom in the morning, the first thing I do is hang up my coat and my backpack. Then I turn in my homework and sharpen my pencil. After that, I am ready for work, so I sit down at my seat and start on the morning assignment on the board.

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Next time you are thirsty, try drinking a glass of water instead of a soda. Although both will quench your thirst, soda is full of sugar and chemicals. Water, on the other hand, is a much healthier choice. Water helps your digestive system to function properly and keeps you immune system strong so you won't get sick.

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Most people know that Mercury is the closest planet to the sun, but did you know that Mercury also orbits the sun faster than any other planet? At a speed of 31 miles (50 km) per second, Mercury completes an orbit every 88 days. That means that a year on Mercury is less than three Earth months long!

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When farmers use fertilizer to fertilize their crops, the left over fertilizer can run into nearby ponds, streams and rivers. The result is that the nutrient-rich fertilizer causes way too much algae to grow. All that algae is bad for the plants and animals that live there.

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Some of the students in room 52 were upset because they never got to use the balls and jump ropes at recess. Another group of kids always got them first and they refused to share. When Mrs. Kelly found out what was going on, she developed a rotation system so that everyone would have a chance to use the equipment.

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To make a snowman, start by rolling a big ball for the body. Then roll a smaller ball and put it on top of the big ball to use as the head. Next, find two sticks to use as arms. Then you can use objects such as coal, a carrot, and raisins to make the face. Add a hat and your snowman is complete!

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Marsupials are a kind of mammal. Most female marsupials have a pouch to carry their babies. A newborn marsupial is very small and underdeveloped. It will spend the first part of its life in its mother's pouch. Kangaroos, wombats, and koalas are all marsupials.

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Moths and butterflies often look similar. Both have large wings and long, thin bodies, and both start their lives as caterpillars. However, butterflies usually have brighter colors on their wings than moths. Also, butterflies are most active during the day, while moths are generally creatures of the night.

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Mrs. Jonas was worried about Marco because he often fell asleep in class. She decided to call Marco's parents to discuss the problem. During the phone call, Mrs. Jonas suggested that an earlier bedtime might help Marco to get more sleep at night so that he would not need to sleep during class.

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The beloved children's writer, Shel Silverstein is well known for his three books of children's poems. The first book, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* was first published in 1974. The second book, *A Light in the Attic*, came out seven years later in 1981. The final book, *Falling Up*, was published in 1996.

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The *Mona Lisa* is a painting by Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci. It was painted between 1503 and 1506. Today, it is thought to be the most well known painting in the world. You can see the *Mona Lisa* at the Louvre Museum in Paris, France. About six million people view the famous painting each year.

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