

Read the article “Giving Gardens” before answering Numbers 1 through 10.

Giving Gardens

Many people enjoy gardens. They may grow pretty flowers. They may grow tasty fruits and vegetables. Often, people get more than they need from their gardens. They share what they grow with others.

People in many cities and towns are planting a new kind of garden. It is called a giving garden. A giving garden does not belong to just one person. Everyone in the community can use it. Part of a town park may be used for a giving garden. Part of a farm field may be used. Even land near a school, church, or business may be used for a giving garden.

People or groups work in their own patches of the garden. They can plant whatever they like. They can take home what they grow. People who use the garden help care for it. They pull up weeds. They water plants. They help gather food when it is ready to be picked. They also share extra food.

A giving garden helps a community. It makes land more beautiful. A garden is a place for nature in the middle of a city or town.

A giving garden is good for people. People go outdoors to work in the garden. They get exercise. Family members spend time together when they work in a garden patch. They learn new things.

At a giving garden, people can meet their neighbors. People make new friends. Friends can work together in a garden.

People can share the food they grow in a giving garden. Some families have a hard time getting enough food. They may not have much money to spend. A giving garden helps. Families can get food that is fresh and good to eat. The food is free or costs very little to buy.

Is there a giving garden near you? If so, go visit it. Find out how you can help. Maybe you can plant something of your own. Did you know many giving gardens have space just for kids? Working in a giving garden is fun. It is a great way to help your town or city.



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Now answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on “Giving Gardens.”

- 1 Read this sentence from the article.

Many people enjoy gardens.

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as *enjoy* in the sentence?

- Ⓐ alike
- Ⓑ grow
- Ⓒ like
- Ⓓ water

- 2 Why did the author MOST LIKELY write “Giving Gardens”?

- Ⓕ to tell a story about giving gardens
- Ⓖ to show how to start a giving garden
- Ⓗ to give information about giving gardens
- Ⓘ to make people want to start giving gardens

- 3 Which words from the article have almost the SAME meaning?

- Ⓐ grow/give
- Ⓑ together/alone
- Ⓒ pretty/beautiful
- Ⓓ fruits/vegetables

- 4 Look at the third paragraph on page 145. Why did the author MOST LIKELY include this information?
- Ⓕ to explain what grows in a giving garden
 - Ⓖ to compare a giving garden to a home garden
 - Ⓗ to explain how people care for a giving garden
 - Ⓘ to show how much work is needed to grow a garden
- 5 Which two words make a compound word that means “not in a house or building”?
- Ⓐ *out* and *doors*
 - Ⓑ *every* and *one*
 - Ⓒ *what* and *ever*
 - Ⓓ *some* and *thing*
- 6 Look at the fifth paragraph on page 145. What is the MAIN topic of the paragraph?
- Ⓕ Giving gardens help people.
 - Ⓖ Giving gardens can be found anywhere.
 - Ⓗ People work hard to care for a giving garden.
 - Ⓘ Giving gardens help people get food that is fresh.
- 7 Read this sentence from the article.
- They help gather food when it is ready to be picked.**

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as *gather* in the sentence?

- Ⓐ collect
- Ⓑ eat
- Ⓒ group
- Ⓓ spread

- 8 Read this sentence from the article.

They may not have much money to spend.

The author MOST LIKELY included this sentence to explain

- Ⓕ why everyone helps care for the plants.
- Ⓖ why a giving garden can be hard to start.
- Ⓗ why people need food from a giving garden.
- Ⓘ why giving gardens have space just for kids.

- 9 Read this sentence from the article.

Did you know many giving gardens have space just for kids?

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as the word *space*?

- Ⓐ plants
- Ⓑ room
- Ⓒ sky
- Ⓓ work

- 10 Which information BEST supports the idea that kids should visit a giving garden?

- Ⓕ Many people like gardens.
- Ⓖ They may grow pretty flowers.
- Ⓗ The food is free or costs very little to buy.
- Ⓘ Many giving gardens have space just for kids.

Read the article “A Food Pantry” before answering Numbers 11 through 20.

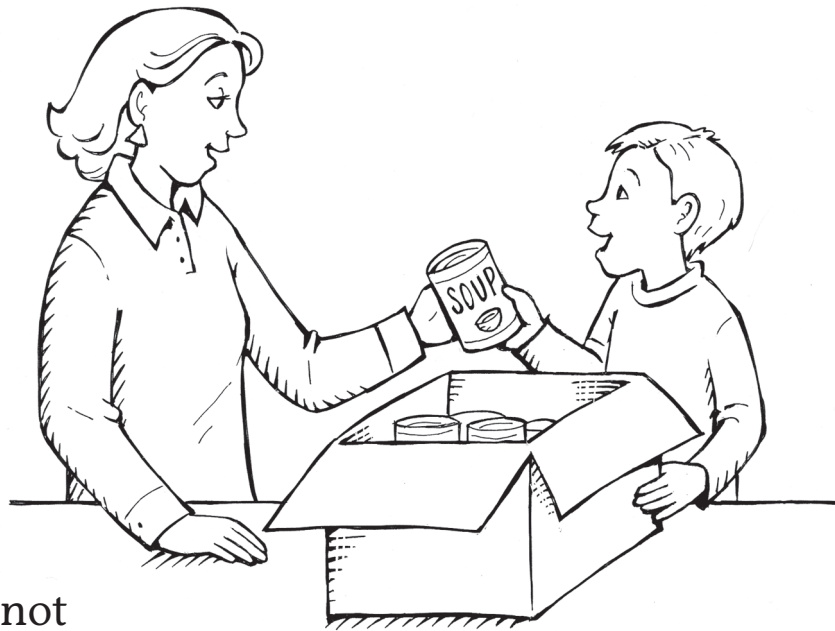
A Food Pantry

Every city or town has people in need. These people do not have much money. They may not have jobs. They may not have homes of their own.

These people may not get enough food to eat. They may not be able to buy everyday things. They may need things like soap or toothpaste. A community can help people in need. A food pantry is a great way to help.

The word *pantry* means a “small room used to store food.” A pantry is in some homes. It is next to the kitchen. It is a small room lined with shelves.

Food pantries have things people need. But a food pantry is not part of a person’s home. A food pantry may be a room in a building. Some food pantries are in a large room. Some are in smaller places. Food pantries may be in a community center or even inside a school.



Many people come to a food pantry. People who need help get food for free. They may get other things they need, too. The pantry opens on certain days. People come on those days.

People in the community help a food pantry. They volunteer. This means they work but do not get paid. Some people work at the pantry when it is open. Others collect food and other things to give to the pantry. Some people help put things away at the pantry. People can also donate, or give, money. The pantry uses the money to buy what it needs from stores.

Look at the list on this page. The list shows things a food pantry always needs. A food pantry will also ask for special things at times. It might gather things for school or for a holiday. Many food pantries give kids a chance to help. They set up special workdays. Kids come to be volunteers with their parents. Maybe you have a food pantry near you. Maybe you can help!

What a Food Pantry Needs

peanut butter	jelly	dried fruit
canned fruit	soup	canned vegetables
rice and beans	nuts	juice boxes
baby food	soap	toothpaste

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Now answer Numbers 11 through 20. Base your answers on “A Food Pantry.”

- 11 Read this sentence from the article.

A food pantry is a great way to help.

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as the word *great* in the sentence above?

- Ⓐ big
 - Ⓑ little
 - Ⓒ much
 - Ⓓ wonderful
- 12 Why did the author MOST LIKELY write “A Food Pantry”?
- Ⓕ to tell a story about a food pantry
 - Ⓖ to describe how to start a food pantry
 - Ⓗ to answer questions about a food pantry
 - Ⓘ to explain to readers how a food pantry works
- 13 Which compound word describes things people need each day?
- Ⓐ everyday
 - Ⓑ something
 - Ⓒ sometime
 - Ⓓ wherever

- 14 Why did the author MOST LIKELY include the information in the first paragraph on page 150?
- F to explain that some people are in need
 - G to explain where to find people who are in need
 - H to explain where to find things like soap or toothpaste
 - I to explain where to find a food pantry in a community

- 15 Read this sentence from the article.

Some food pantries are in a large room.

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as the word *large*?

- A big
 - B closed
 - C dark
 - D little
- 16 What is a key detail that supports the topic that food pantries help people?
- F People who need help get food for free.
 - G Maybe you have a food pantry near you.
 - H A food pantry may be a room in a building.
 - I The pantry uses the money to buy what it needs from stores.

- 17** Read this sentence from the article.

People can also donate, or give, money.

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as the word *donate*?

- Ⓐ also
- Ⓑ give
- Ⓒ money
- Ⓓ people

- 18** Look at the second paragraph on page 151. Why did the author MOST LIKELY include the information in this paragraph?

- Ⓐ to explain what a food pantry is
- Ⓑ to make readers want to visit a food pantry
- Ⓒ to explain what work people do at a food pantry
- Ⓓ to describe how a food pantry may fill a large room

- 19** Which words from the article have almost the SAME meaning?

- Ⓐ certain/need
- Ⓑ collect/gather
- Ⓒ kids/parents
- Ⓓ pantry/small

- 20** How does the author suggest things to collect for a food pantry?

- Ⓐ The author explains what volunteers do.
- Ⓑ The author lists what food pantries always need.
- Ⓒ The author shares information about a food drive.
- Ⓓ The author explains how people use a food pantry.



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- 21** How do the authors show that sharing food helps communities? Support your answer with text evidence from “Giving Gardens” and “A Food Pantry.”

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