

# It's... Pumpkin Time!

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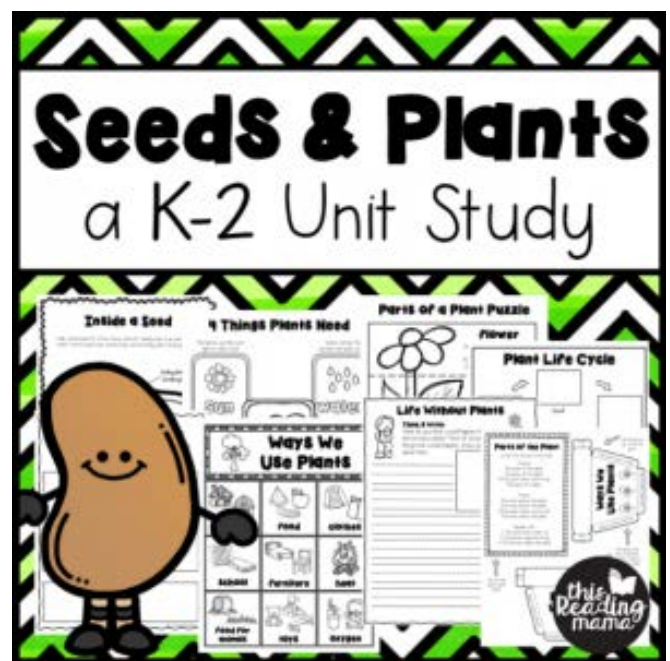
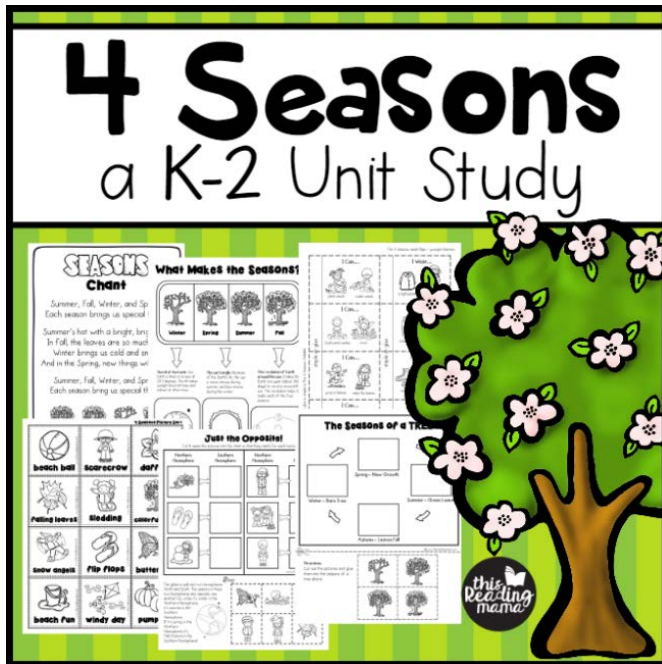
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# Fun Facts About Pumpkins

When you think of pumpkins, you might think of FALL TIME! You probably know a lot about pumpkins already, but do you know these fun facts?

## Pumpkins are a FRUIT, not a vegetable!

Because they aren't sweet like other fruit, they are often called a vegetable. But pumpkins *are* a fruit. Pumpkins are part of the Cucurbita family and grow on a vine. Other crops in this family include squash, pumpkins, melons, and cucumbers.

## Pumpkins grow all over the world...almost!

Antarctica is the only continent that can't grow pumpkins. (Do you know why?) The United States grows more pumpkins than any other country in the world! Morton, Illinois claims to be the "Pumpkin Capital of the World."

## All parts of a pumpkin are edible.

You can eat all the parts of a pumpkin, including the flower, skin, pulp, seeds, and even the stem! Pumpkins are full of Vitamin A and potassium.

Pumpkins are used to make lots of things we eat, like soup, pie, and bread. Many people enjoy just roasting and eating the seeds. The seeds are high in iron.

## There are over 45 different varieties of pumpkins!

They come in all shapes and sizes and can have funny names like Sugar Pie, Big Max, Baby Bear, and Cinderella. The smaller varieties of pumpkins are better for making pie.

## Pumpkins take about 4 months to grow from seed to pumpkin.

If you want to grow a pumpkin, plant the seeds in the spring, when the ground has warmed up. All summer, the vines will sprawl out and grow flowers, which can turn into small green pumpkins. By fall time, the pumpkins are ripe and ready to be picked.

## Pumpkins have been around a long time.

The Native Americans used pumpkins for all kinds of purposes, like medicine, mats, and of course, food.

## Pumpkins were *not* the first jack-o'-lanterns!

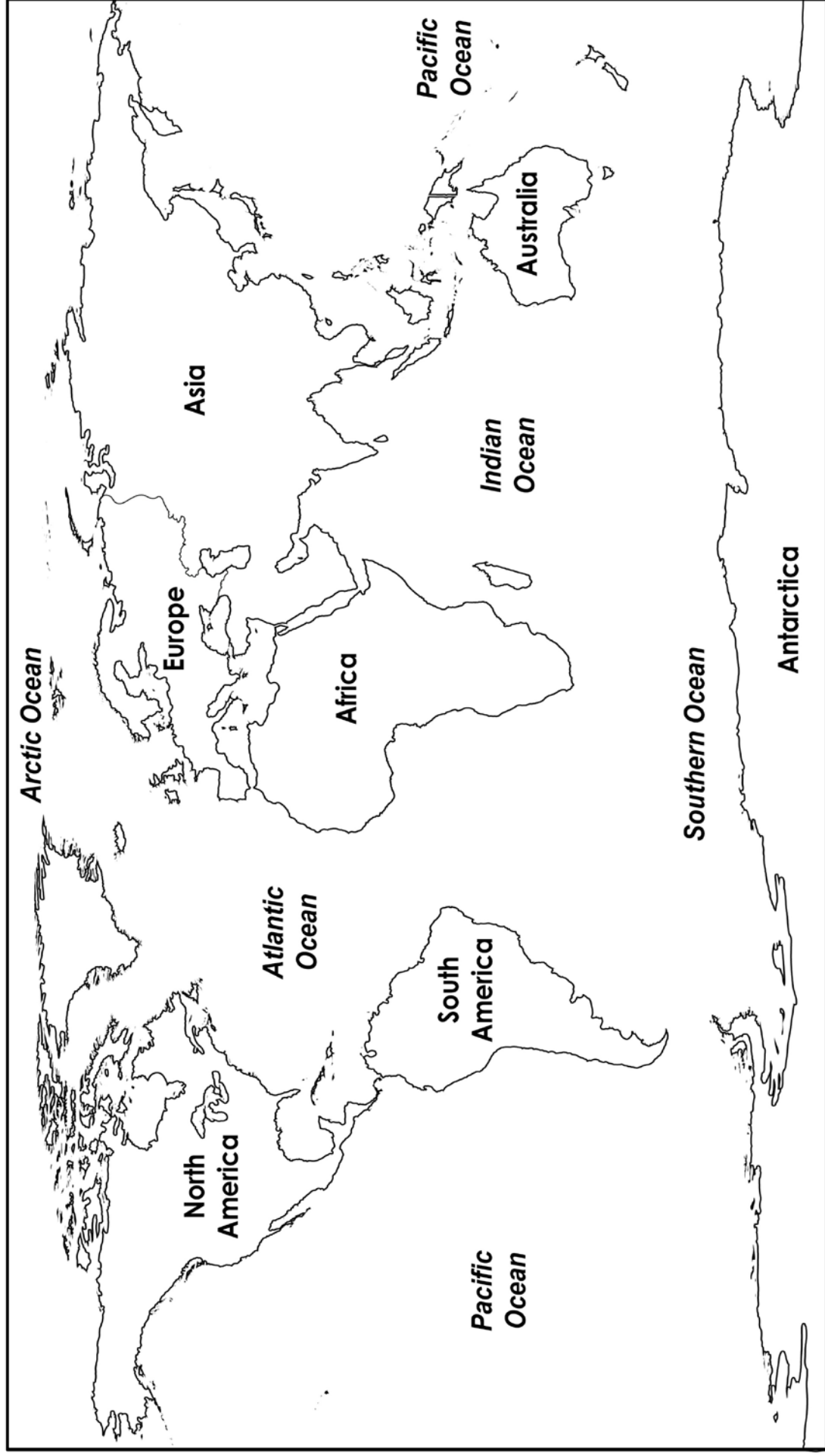
The Irish brought over this tradition with their carved turnips and potatoes. Once they arrived in America, pumpkins were more plentiful and easier to carve.





# Pumpkin Producers

Color the continents that grow pumpkins. "X" out the one that doesn't.



# Pumpkins: True or False?

Based on the fun facts about pumpkins, color only the boxes that show things that are true.



All the parts of a pumpkin are edible.



Pumpkins are vegetables, just like onions, carrots, and broccoli.



The BIG pumpkins make the best pumpkin pies.



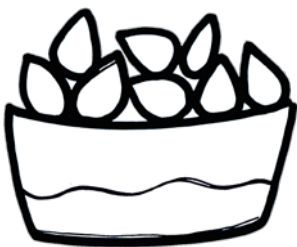
If you want good pumpkins, plant your seeds in the winter.



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Native Americans were first to carve jack-o'-lanterns from pumpkins.



Pumpkins and squash are in the same family of plants.

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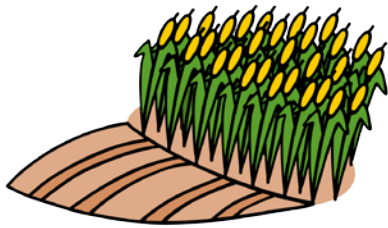
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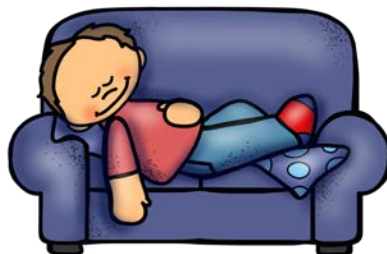
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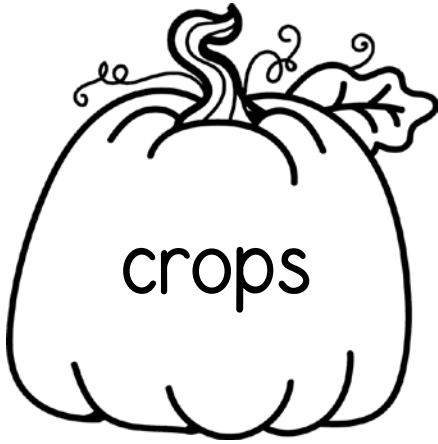
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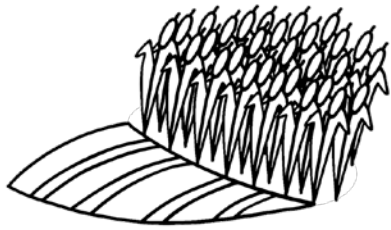
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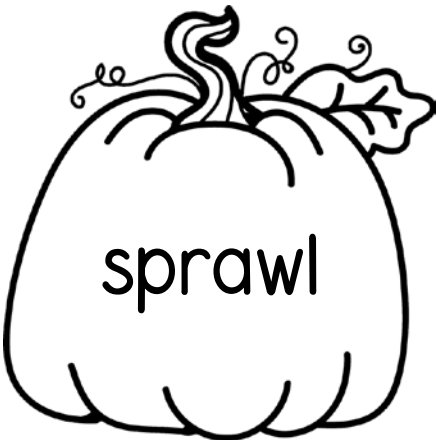


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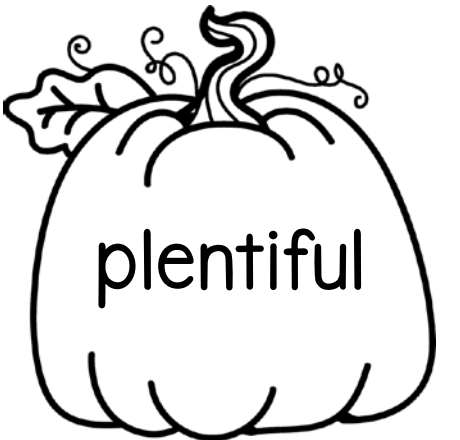
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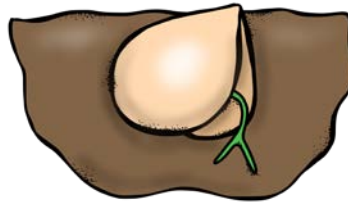


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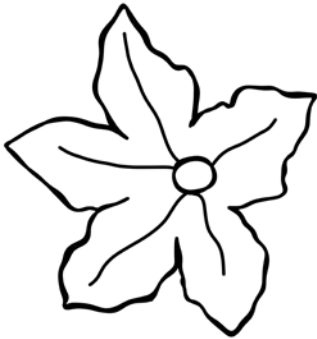


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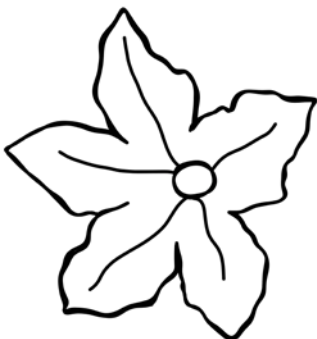
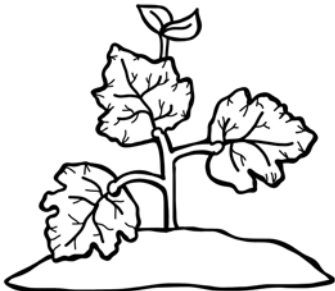


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# Pumpkin Word Bank



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flower



grow



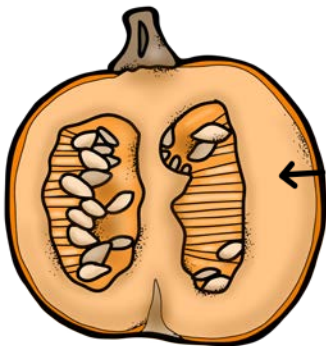
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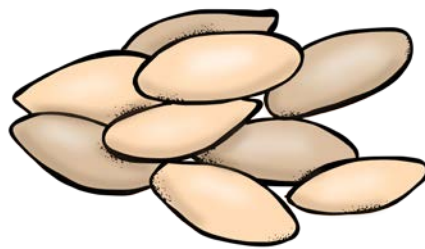
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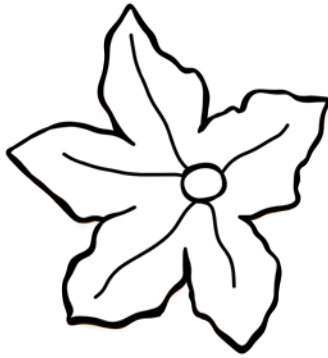


vine

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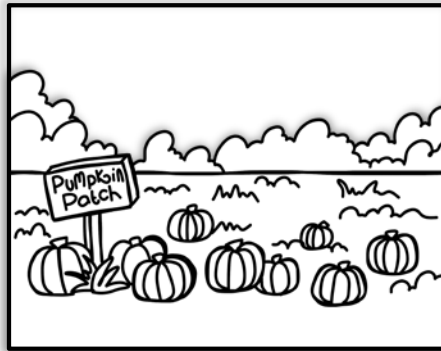
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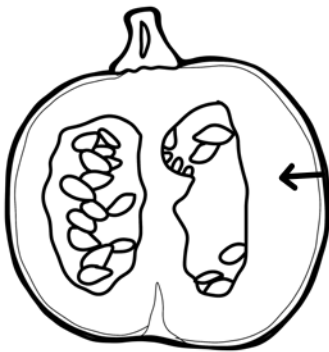
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# All About Pumpkins

Draw and/or write facts about pumpkins in each box.



# All About Pumpkins

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are ten sets of these lines for writing practice.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are four sets of these lines for writing practice.


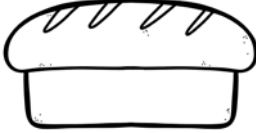

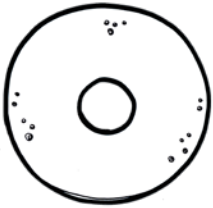


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# How do You Like Your Pumpkin?

People eat pumpkins in many different ways. Here are some ways you may have eaten them yourself.




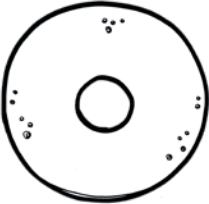


 pie	 bread	 roasted seeds
 doughnut	 pumpkin roll	 soup

Draw and write about your favorite way(s) to eat a pumpkin.

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