Teacher Answer Guide



Taxonomy Applications

Scientific Name	Common Name	Human Use
Aloe vera	Aloe	Medicinal (burns, laxatives), products (lotions,
		soaps, sunscreens), house plant
Apis mollifora	Western honey bee,	Food (honey, sweetener), medicinal (cough and cold
	European honey bee	remedies, antiseptic, antibacterial), products
		(beeswax), plant pollinator
Argemone mexicana	Mexican poppy, Flowering	Medicinal (kidney pain, laxative, HIV, malaria),
	thistle, Cardo	products (biodiesel)
Bos taurus	Cattle, Cow	Food (meat), drink (milk), medicinal (heparin),
		products (leather, manure, fuel)
Camellia sinensis	Теа	Drink, medicinal
Castor canadensis	North American beaver,	Food (meat, flavor additive), fur, medicinal (pain,
	American beaver, Canadian	fever, hysteria), products (perfume, cologne)
	beaver	
Catharanthus roseus	Madagascar periwinkle, Rosy	Medicinal (cancer, diabetes), ornamental plant
	periwinkle	
Cinchona pubescens	Red cinchona, Quina	Medicinal (malaria, fever)
Citrus sinensis	Sweet orange, Blood orange,	Medicinal (scurvy), food, drink
	Navel orange	
Cocos nucifera	Coconut, Coconut tree	Food, drink, medicinal (clean wounds), products
		(oils, mats, baskets, soap, lotion)
Crocus sativus	Saffron, Autumn crocus	Medicinal (high blood pressure, circulation,
		digestion), food
Cyperus papyrus	Papyrus sedge, Paper reed,	Product (paper, sandals, baskets, boats), food
	Nile grass	
Dactylopius coccus	Cochineal	Products (Historically: dye, Currently: hair and skin
		products, lipsticks and other makeup products)
Digitalis lanata	Woolly foxglove, Grecian	Medicinal (heart conditions)
	foxglove	
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove, Purple foxglove,	Medicinal (edema)
	Lady's glove	
Eucalyptus globulus	Blue gum, Southern blue-	Product (paper, fuel), food (nectar), drink (tea,
	gum	coffee)
Glycine max	Soybean	Food (source of protein), products (paints, plastics,
		cosmetics), genetic research





Gossypium hirsutum	Upland cotton, Mexican	Products (cloth, diapers, soap, cosmetics, plastics,
	cotton	fireworks), medicinal (bandages), Food (oil, ice
		cream)
Heloderma suspectum	Gila monster	Medicinal (diabetes, cancer research)
Hevea brasiliensis	Rubber tree	Products (erasers, tires)
Hirudo medicinalis	Medicinal leech	Medical (wound and disease treatment, plastic and
		reconstructive surgery)
Lavandula	True lavender, English	Drink (tea), food (herb), medicinal (pest treatment,
angustifolia	lavender, Garden lavender	healing agent), products (lotion, soap, cosmetics,
		perfumes), agriculture (insecticide)
Lumbricus terrestris	Earthworm	Agriculture (soil nutrients and aeration)
Nemopilema nomurai	Nomura's jelly	Medicinal (osteoarthritis), food (ice cream, vanilla),
		agriculture (fertilizer)
Oryza sativa	Asian rice	Food
Ovis aries	Sheep	Products (wool), food (meat, cheese, yogurt)
Quercus robur	English oak, Pedunculate oak	Products (wood)
Saccharum	Sugarcane	Food (sugar)
officinarum		
Salix alba	White willow	Medicinal (aspirin, pain and fever reducer, heart
		health), products (wood, gunpowder, baskets)
Solanum tuberosum	Potato	Food
Taxus brevifolia	Pacific yew, Western yew	Medicinal (cancer), products (wood)
Theobroma cacao	Cocoa tree, Cacao tree	Food (chocolate)
Triticum aestivum	Common wheat, Bread	Food (bread, cereal, cake, biscuits)
	wheat	
Zingiber officinale	Ginger, Ginger root	Food (spice), drink (tea, ale), medicinal (nausea,
		arthritis)