

# READING JUICE *for KIDS*

Non-fiction Reading in Science and Social Studies

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# About Reading Juice for Kids Series

**Photo** allows to start the lesson smoothly and engage students into reading.

**Passage** provides methodically written non-fictional articles to broaden students' knowledge in school subjects of science and social studies.



## Get Ready

### 1. What makes you cry?

test	sad movie	beautiful music
dentist	roller coaster	ghost house

### 2. Listen and repeat.

sting	gas	goggles
break	cell	refrigerator

Your mother is crying in the kitchen. Is she sad? No. She is cutting an onion! The onion is making her cry. Why?

An onion is made up of many cells. When you cut an onion, the cells break open. Then, a gas comes out of the cells. You cannot see the gas, but it stings your eyes. Your eyes do not like the gas. They are trying to wash it away with tears. So you cry!

What can you do? Put the onion in the refrigerator, or cook the onion first. Now, cut it. See? You do not cry. If you are in a hurry, here is another idea. Wear goggles!



## Get Ready

**Background Knowledge** activates students into talking to predict the main idea of the passage with their prior knowledge about the topic.

**Vocabulary** introduces the key words of the passage with listening practice. The English definition of each word appears in the Glossary on page 78.

**Build Vocabulary** confirms the meaning of the key words in various contexts with questions in test format.

## Check Comprehension

### Choose the correct answers.

1. The passage is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a why you cry while eating onions
- b why you cry while cutting onions

2. A gas comes out of \_\_\_\_\_.

a



onion cells

b



onion skins

3. Put onions in the \_\_\_\_\_ before cutting.

a



refrigerator

b



dark box

### Check the correct answers.

- 4. The color of the onion gas is yellow.
- 5. Your tears wash away the onion gas.

True False

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## Build Vocabulary

### Complete the sentences.

gas stings goggles

- 1. Put on your \_\_\_\_\_ when you ski.
- 2. There is a strong smell of \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen.
- 3. If soap gets into the eyes, it \_\_\_\_\_.

## Organize Information

### Complete the graphic organizer.

Cause	Effect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut an onion.</li> <li>Onion cells _____ open.</li> <li>Onion cells make <b>a gas</b>.</li> <li>The gas _____ your eyes.</li> </ul>	<p>You _____.</p>

break  
stings

cry  
a gas

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**Check Comprehension** prepares students to get familiar with test format questions as well as confirms students' understanding of the passage.

**Organize Information** helps students to verify and summarize the knowledge they obtained through reading.

Unit 1

# Why onions make you cry



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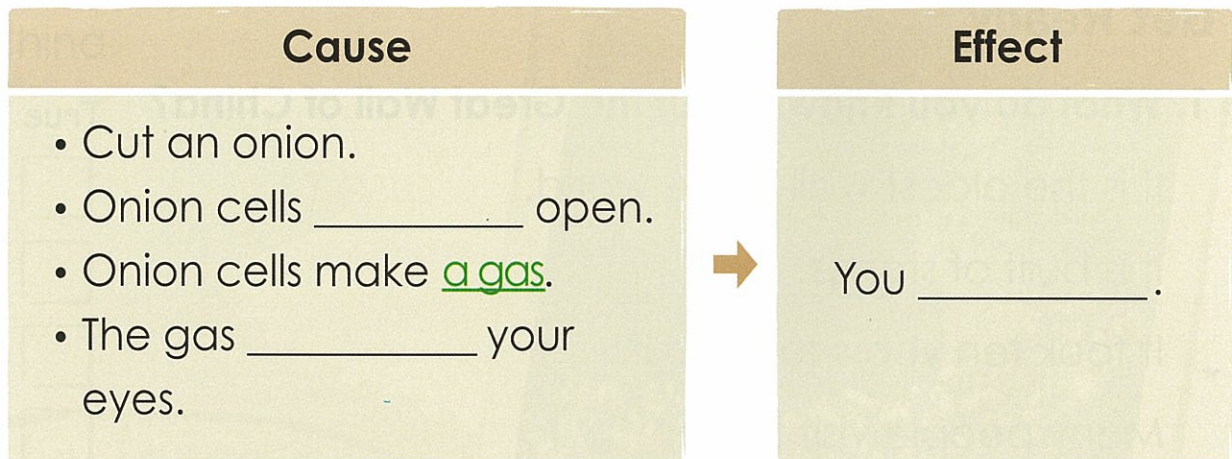
stings

goggles

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