

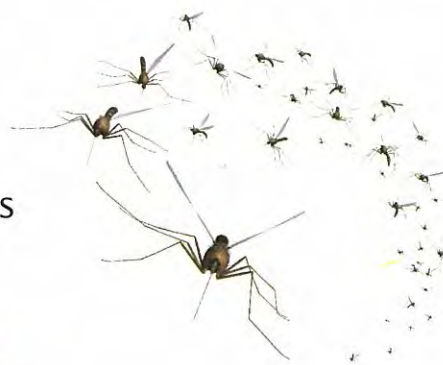
READING JUICE for KIDS

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-fiction articles to broaden students' knowledge in school subjects of science and social studies.

Unit 1



Sweet Midas

Get Ready

1. What tastes sweet and what tastes sour?

lemon	banana	candy	vinegar
sweet		sour	

2. Listen and repeat the sentences.

- My soup **tastes** too salty.
- It is a **miracle** that the blind girl can see again.
- You can **stick** the poster on the wall.
- The concert **lasts** for two hours.
- I am very **proud** of my test results.

Sweet Midas

Do you fight about eating vegetables with your mom? Then, here is some great news for you. There is a way to make anything taste sweet. You can simply eat "miracle fruit!"

The miracle fruit is an African berry. It does strange things to your taste buds. Taste buds are on your tongue. They tell your brain how the food in your mouth tastes.

Now, it is time to do the magic. Put the miracle fruit in your mouth and chew it for about a minute. The miracle fruit will stick to your taste buds. Then, the taste buds will tell the brain that everything you eat is sweet. That is how the miracle fruit tricks your taste buds. Sour lemons will taste just like sweet oranges. Even a bitter medicine will taste just like sweet candy. But be careful! The magic only lasts about an hour.

If you have the miracle fruit, you will not fear eating any vegetables or taking any medicines. You will love spinach and carrots. And your mom will be very proud of you.



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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 in sentences 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.

Sweet Midas

Check Comprehension

15 Choose the correct answers.

- What is the passage mainly about?
 - a what the miracle fruit tastes like
 - b how the miracle fruit works
 - c why the miracle fruit tricks you
- What will a bitter medicine taste like after eating the miracle fruit?



a
candy



b
lemon



c
pepper
- According to the passage, which is true?
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 - b Your taste buds tell your brain the taste of the food.
 - c The taste of sour lemon tricks your taste buds.

16 Fill in the blanks.

- You have to _____ the miracle fruit for about a minute.
- The magic of the miracle fruit _____ for an hour.

Build Vocabulary

15 Complete the sentences.

stick proud taste miracle

- To make cookies _____ sweet, add extra sugar to the dough.
- I felt _____ of myself after running a full marathon.
- Tina and I will _____ together as friends forever.
- It is a _____ if Mom lets me play video games late at night.

Organize Information

15 Complete the graphic organizer.

The Miracle Fruit Experiment

Eat _____.	↓	The miracle fruit _____.
Eat a sour lemon.	↓	The taste buds _____ the lemon is sweet.
Your brain believes _____.	↓	Your brain believes _____.

 **a sour lemon is sweet**

 **tell your brain**

 **the miracle fruit**

 **sticks to your taste buds**

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



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fruit



taste bud



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