CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES™

Grade 3–5

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Growing Strawberries



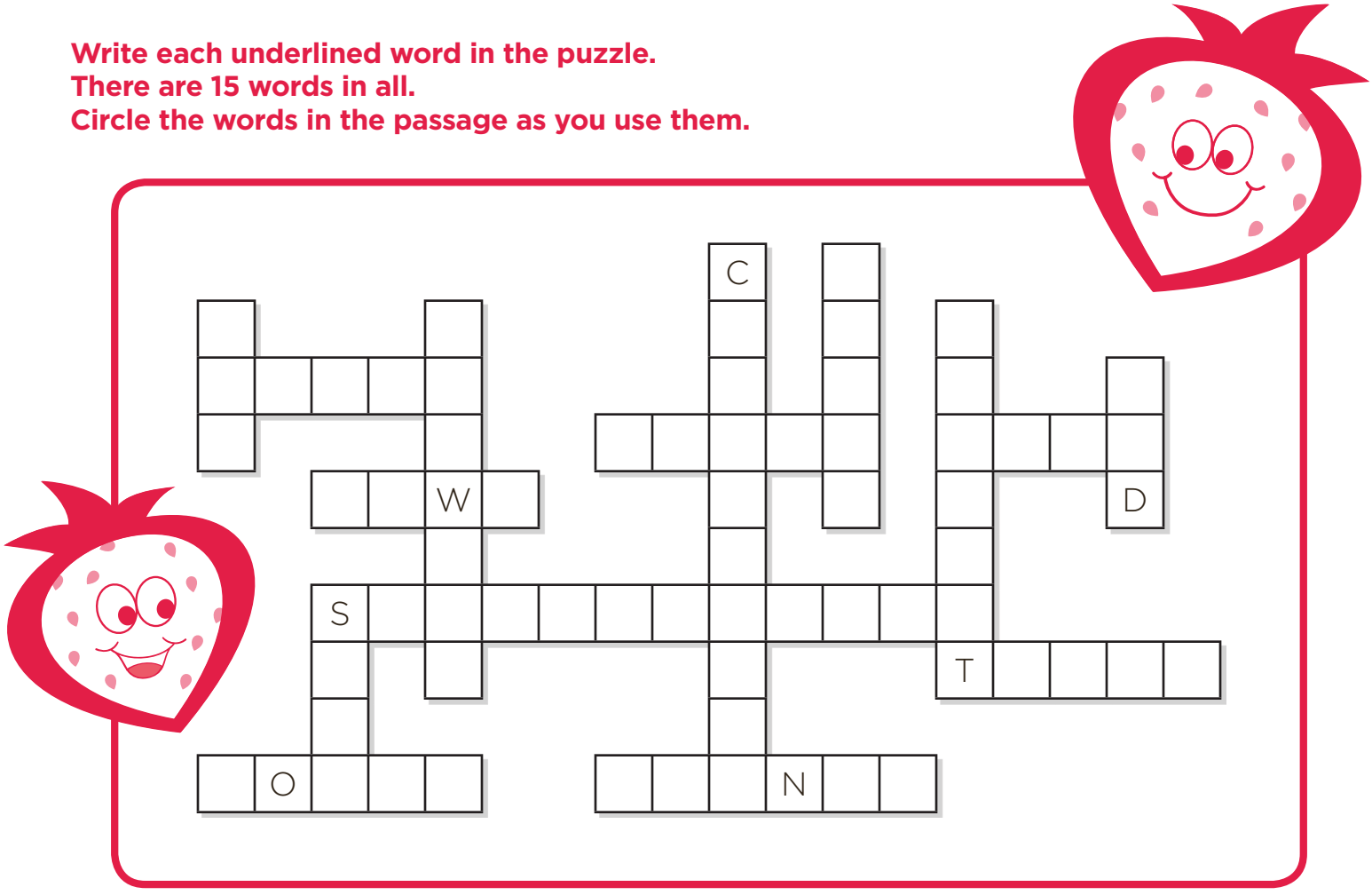
Read the passage.

Strawberries grow really well on the coast of California because they love the ocean breezes and cool temperatures. A strawberry farmer first tills the soil with a tractor. Next, the farmer makes rows in the soil. The rows are covered with plastic to keep weeds out. Small strawberry plants are then planted in the holes in the plastic.

The strawberries grow for about three months. During this time the plants grow flowers. These flowers turn into small green strawberries. As the strawberries grow, they turn white, and then red. Bright red strawberries are ripe and ready to be picked.

Strawberry plants keep producing more flowers and more strawberries throughout the growing season. This means there will be strawberries to harvest for several months. Strawberries grow year round in California, however April, May, and June are the peak growing months.

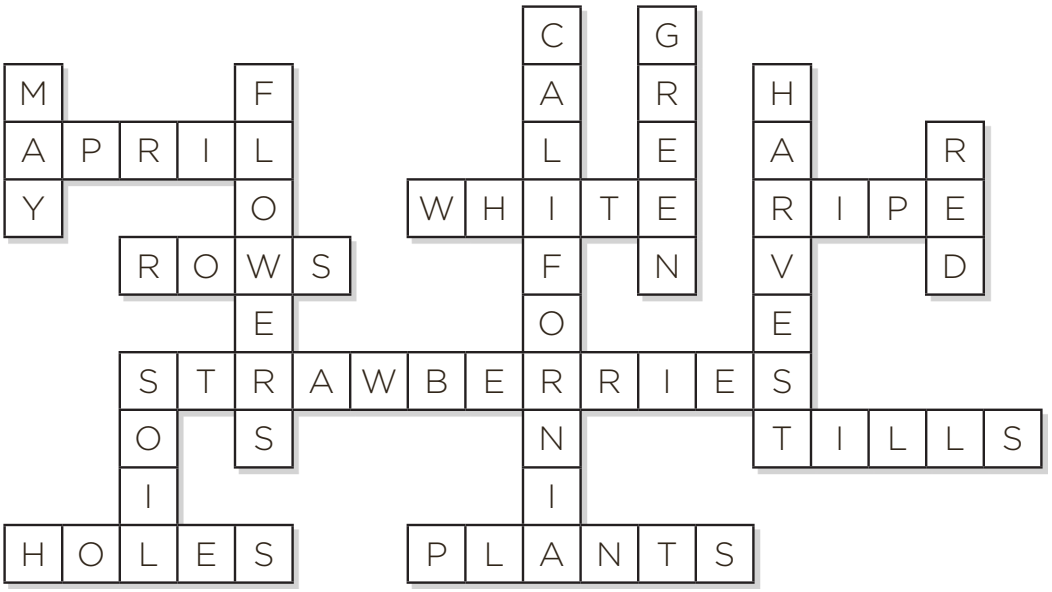
Write each underlined word in the puzzle.
There are 15 words in all.
Circle the words in the passage as you use them.

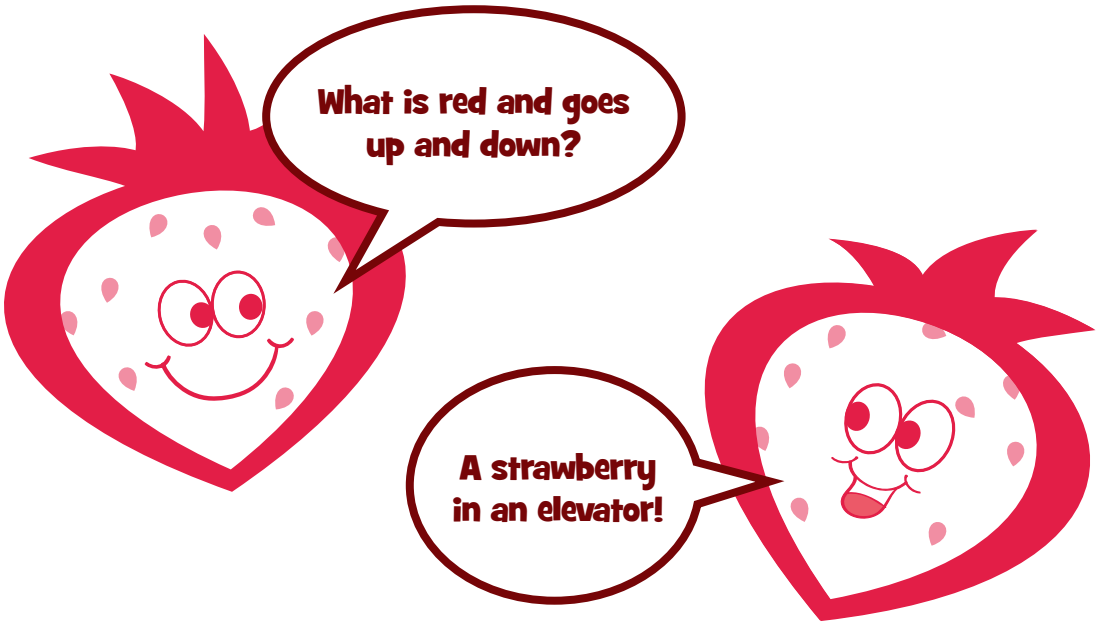


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Answer Key





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