

# Fruit Baskets

*A primary grades reading comprehension story collection*

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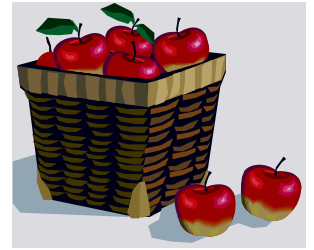
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## **The themes focused on in this collection are:**

- Colors
- Fruits
- Flavors
- Repetitive sentence structures
- Sight words
- New topic-specific vocabulary
- A variety of question types, including Yes/No, Multiple Choice, and Fill in the Blanks.



## **Suggested activities for extension of learning are:**

- Coloring exercises
- Color identification, including color wheels
- Sorting and classification exercises
- Coloring words in the stories
- Making a color book of fruits and/or veggies
- Illustrate one or more of the stories
- Investigations about where certain fruits come from, including map studies
- Investigations about ripening, growing, and plant life cycles

## Yellow Fruits

*By Andrew Frinkle*

There are many kinds of fruits.  
Some fruits are yellow.

Lemons are yellow.  
They are sour.

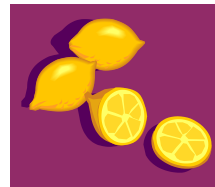


Bananas are yellow on the outside.  
So are grapefruit.

Golden apples are yellow.  
Golden kiwis are yellow inside.

Some watermelons are yellow inside!  
Pineapple is also yellow inside.

Starfruit is usually yellowish.  
It is very pretty!



Mangoes can be yellowy-orange inside.  
They are very sweet to eat.

1. How do lemons taste?
  - A. sweet
  - B. bitter
  - C. sour
  - D. spicy
2. Which fruit does the story say is sweet?
  - A. bananas
  - B. mangoes
  - C. grapefruit
  - D. starfruit
3. Which of these fruits is yellow on the inside?
  - A. pineapple
  - B. golden apples
  - C. grapefruit
  - D. bananas
4. Which fruit does the story say is pretty?
  - A. grapefruit
  - B. golden apples
  - C. pineapples
  - D. starfruit
5. Which of these is NOT a yellow fruit?
  - A. cherries
  - B. lemons
  - C. golden apples
  - D. bananas

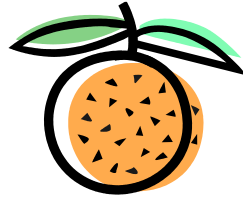
## Orange Fruits

*By Andrew Frinkle*

There are many kinds of fruits  
Some fruits are orange.

Oranges are orange!  
Tangerines and Tangelos are orange.  
These three fruits are citrus fruits.

Gooseberries can be orange.  
Have you heard of these?



Persimmons are orange.  
Have you had one of these?

Apricots and peaches are orange.  
Watch out for the pits!



Kumquats are orange.  
Loquats are, too!  
They are small fruits.  
Have you ever eaten one?

1. What kind of berries can be orange?
  - A. strawberries
  - B. cranberries
  - C. gooseberries
  - D. blueberries
2. Which of these fruits has a pit?
  - A. a peach
  - B. an orange
  - C. a tangerine
  - D. a gooseberry
3. Which of these was NOT called a citrus fruit?
  - A. an orange
  - B. a tangerine
  - C. a gooseberry
  - D. a tangelo
4. Which of these is NOT an orange fruit?
  - A. a banana
  - B. an orange
  - C. a persimmon
  - D. a kumquat
5. Which of these does the story say is small?
  - A. a peach
  - B. an apricot
  - C. a tangelo
  - D. a loquat

## Red Fruits

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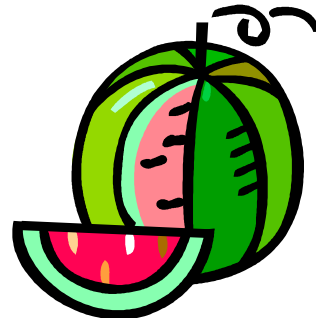
There are many kinds of fruits  
Some fruits are red.



Apples are usually red.  
But, they will be green to start.

Cherries are red.  
Grapes can be red.  
They come in bunches.

Many berries are red.  
Strawberries are red.  
Raspberries are red.  
Cranberries are red, too.  
Did you eat them for Thanksgiving?



Grapefruit can be pink or red inside.  
Watermelon are very red inside.  
They are green outside.  
There are even red pears!

- Which fruit does it say will be green to start?
  - cherries
  - grapes
  - grapefruit
  - apples
- Which fruit is red inside, but green outside?
  - cherries
  - grapes
  - watermelon
  - cranberries
- Which fruit comes in bunches?
  - strawberries
  - apples
  - grapes
  - cherries
- Which fruit might you eat for Thanksgiving?
  - cherries
  - grapes
  - watermelon
  - cranberries
- Which fruit might also be pink inside?
  - cherries
  - grapes
  - grapefruit
  - pears

## **Blue Fruits**

*By Andrew Frinkle*

There are many kinds of fruits  
Only a few fruits are blue.

Blueberries are blue.  
That's how they got their name!



Some fruits look almost blue.  
They might really be black.  
Or, they might be purple.



Sometimes grapes look blue.  
Currants are like small grapes.  
They can be bluish.  
Plums might also be almost blue.

There are not very many blue fruits, are there?

1. How many fruits does it say are blue?  
A. lots  
B. a few  
C. many  
D. some
2. Why did blueberries get their name?  
A. They are purple.  
B. They are blue.  
C. They are red.  
D. They are green.
3. Some fruits look blue, but are really what colors?  
A. red and pink  
B. purple and pink  
C. purple and blue  
D. purple and black
4. FILL IN THE BLANK: Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ look blue.  
A. grapes  
B. oranges  
C. bananas  
D. apples
5. FILL IN THE BLANK: Plums might also be almost \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. pink  
B. red  
C. purple  
D. blue

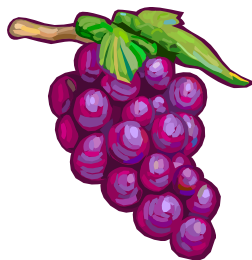
## Purple Fruits

*By Andrew Frinkle*

There are many kinds of fruits  
Some fruits are purple.

Grapes are purple.  
They make good juice.

Plums are purple.  
They have a pit.



Blackberries are very dark.  
They are sort of purple.

Elderberries are almost black.  
They look purple, too.

Figs can be purple.  
They make good cookies!



Pomegranates are reddish-purple, too.  
They have many, many seeds!

1. What fruit does the story say will make good juice?
  - A. plums
  - B. blackberries
  - C. grapes
  - D. figs
2. What fruit does the story say will make good cookies?
  - A. plums
  - B. blackberries
  - C. grapes
  - D. figs
3. YES OR NO: Do plums have a pit?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
4. Which fruit is reddish-purple?
  - A. pomegranates
  - B. plums
  - C. elderberries
  - D. blackberries
5. Which fruit does the story say has many, many seeds?
  - A. plums
  - B. grapes
  - C. blackberries
  - D. pomegranates

## **Brown Fruits**

*By Andrew Frinkle*

There are many kinds of fruits  
Only a few fruits are brown.

Figs can be brown.  
They have many seeds.

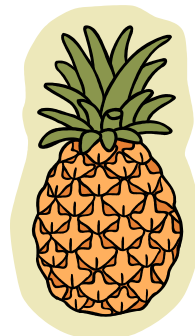


Pineapples are yellow inside.  
Outside, they are brown and green.

Kiwis are also brown outside, but not inside!  
Kiwis have fuzzy skin.

Durian is brown on the outside.  
It has a very sharp skin!  
It looks like a cactus ball.

Pears can be brown.  
But, they are not rotten!  
They are still good to eat.



1. YES OR NO: Are there lots of brown fruits?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
2. YES OR NO: Are kiwis brown inside?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
3. Which of these fruits has sharp skin?
  - A. figs
  - B. pears
  - C. durian
  - D. kiwis
4. Which of these fruits has fuzzy skin?
  - A. figs
  - B. pears
  - C. durian
  - D. kiwis
5. Which of these fruits does the story say has many seeds?
  - A. figs
  - B. pears
  - C. durian
  - D. kiwis

## Green Fruits

*By Andrew Frinkle*

There are many kinds of fruits  
Some fruits are green.

Avocadoes are fruits.  
You might think they are a vegetable.

Apples can be green.  
So are many pears.



There are green grapes.  
They make golden raisins.

Kiwis are green inside.  
They have many seeds.



Honeydew is a melon.  
It is green inside.

Limes are green.  
They look like lemons, don't they?

1. Which of these fruits might you think is a vegetable?
  - A. an apple
  - B. a grape
  - C. an avocado
  - D. honeydew melon
2. YES OR NO: Does a lime look like a lemon?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
3. Which of these fruits has many seeds inside?
  - A. green grapes
  - B. avocadoes
  - C. honeydew melon
  - D. kiwis
4. Which of these fruits makes golden raisins?
  - A. green grapes
  - B. avocadoes
  - C. honeydew melon
  - D. kiwis
5. What color is honeydew melon inside?
  - A. green
  - B. yellow
  - C. pink
  - D. orange



## White Fruits

By Andrew Frinkle

There are many kinds of fruits  
A few fruits are white.

Have you ever seen a white fruit?  
Raspberries can be white.

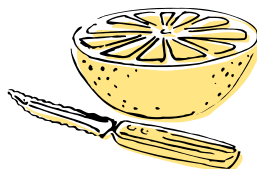


Bananas look yellow, and are white inside.  
Grapefruits can be white inside, too.

Rambutan is pink outside, but white inside.  
Lychee looks like a fuzzy pink ball.  
It's white inside.

Dragon fruit looks purple, but is white inside!  
These three are tropical fruits.

Peaches can be yellow or white.  
The white ones are tart.



Nectarines are like a peach without hair.  
They can be white, too.

1. How many fruits does the story say are white?  
A. a few  
B. tons  
C. many  
D. lots
2. Which of these is NOT a white fruit, either inside or outside?  
A. nectarines  
B. rambutan  
C. grapefruit  
D. watermelon
3. Which of these fruits can be white OUTSIDE?  
A. grapefruit  
B. bananas  
C. raspberries  
D. dragon fruit
4. Which of these does the story NOT say is a tropical fruit?  
A. lychee  
B. peaches  
C. rambutan  
D. dragon fruit
5. FILL IN THE BLANK: Nectarines are like a peach without \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. fuzz  
B. hair  
C. color  
D. flavor

# COMPREHENSION STORIES ANSWER KEY

## Yellow Fruits:

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. D
5. A

## Blue Fruits:

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. D

## Green Fruits:

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. A
5. A

## Orange Fruits:

1. C
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. D

## Purple Fruits:

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. D

## White Fruits:

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. B

## Red Fruits:

1. D
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. C

## Brown Fruits:

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A