

**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Pumpin’ Pumpkin**

**Voor de docent**

Overal zie je pompoenen. Kleine, grote, gigantische. Er worden zelfs wedstrijden gehouden.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen om informatie op te doen: *Kan specifieke informatie begrijpen in eenvoudige teksten. (LEA2-3a)*

Leesstrategieën*– Kan zijn of haar begrip van de algemene betekenis van korte teksten over alledaagse onderwerpen van concrete aard gebruiken om de vermoedelijke betekenis van onbekende woorden af te leiden uit de context.*

*Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

October and November are peak pumpkin months.

Assignment 1

Write down the names of 5 or more vegetables.

**Pumpin’ Pumpkin**

Halloween is celebrated on 31 October. You have probably seen some pumpkin lanterns.

Pumpkin are also a popular food. You can see many pumpkins in the last months of the year.

Some of the pumpkins are quite big. Travis Grienger grew a huge pumpkin.

Read ***the first 3 paragraphs*** (*alinea’s*) [of Travis’ story](https://slate.com/human-interest/2023/10/giant-largest-pumpkin-world-record-2023.html).
(from: “I grew up around pumpkins” up to “watering, watching, and moving.”)

Then read ***the last 2 paragraphs***.
(from: The pumpkin’s name is” up to “It’s definitely a good seed.”)

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. state fair | *a*. to be the best, biggest, fastest, etc. of all |
| 2. giant | *b*. to become bigger |
| 3. three decades | *c*. big event where farmers show off their products |
| 4. to get the hang of something | *d*. a chemical that farmers use to kill insects that damage plants |
| 5. a contest  | *e*. crazy |
| 6. to set the record | *f*. event where people try to win by doing something better than others |
| 7. seeds | *g.* to jump high in the air and push the ball down through the basket |
| 8. nuts | *h*. long parts of a plant that grow along the ground or upwards |
| 9. bugs | *i*. a material that is used to make plants grow better |
| 10. a pesticide | *j*. number on a sports shirt |
| 11. vines | *k*. small, hard parts of a plant from which new plants grow |
| 12. to expand | *l.* small insects  |
| 13. fertilizer | *m*. to start to become good at something |
| 14. jersey number | *n*. thirty years |
| 15. to dunk | *o.* very big, enormous |

Assignment 3

a When did Travis start growing pumpkins?

1 As a kid.

2 In 2020.

3 In 2023.

4 In April.

b Which things helped Travis to grow his giant pumpkin? Choose all correct answers.

1 bugs

2 cables

3 good soil

4 good weather

5 grow lights

6 heating

c What is the name of Travis’ giant pumpkin?

1 2,350-pounder

2 Gienger’s Giant

3 Michael Jordan

4 Year of ’23