



Umbrellas

Umbrellas were made a long time ago. They were made for keeping the sun out of your eyes. They were made for keeping cool on hot days.

In China, they made the first umbrella to use in the rain. They put wax and paint on it. This made the rain run off the sides. It kept them dry when they walked. It kept them dry in the storm. They used bones from whales, and they used wood from the trees.



In 1852, Samuel Fox made a new kind of umbrella. It had steel parts. It had soft cloth. It was easy to put up and easy to put down. It was very light to carry.

Today umbrellas come in all sizes and shapes. They come in all colors. Some people use them in the rain. Others use them when it is hot. Some have umbrellas just for fun.

Today, umbrellas have many uses!

Directions: Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. For what was the first umbrella used?

- a. keeping cool on hot days
- b. keeping hot on cools days
- c. catching the rain
- d. keeping the person dry

2. If I wanted an umbrella, the best one to buy would be one that

- a. was too big to carry.
- b. had large holes.
- c. was any shape or color
- d. was very heavy

3. Antonyms are words that mean the opposite. *Hot* is an antonym for

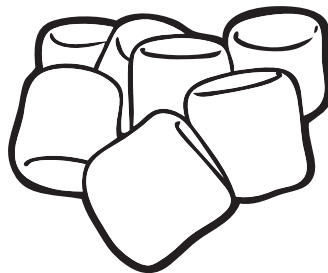
- a. lukewarm.
- b. sunny.
- c. warm.
- d. cold.



Marshmallows

Did you know that there was candy 2,000 years ago? It was made in Egypt. It was marshmallow candy. This candy was made from a root of a plant.

It was made out of the mallow root. This plant grew in the swamps. It grew in places that had lots of weeds. It was white inside. It was sticky and sweet.



Today we still eat candy that is made out of marshmallows. It is white and sweet. It is not made out of the root anymore. The candy is made out of gelatin. It still tastes good. It is still sticky and white.

As long as there are children, there will always be candy made out of sweet things.

Directions: Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. What did they use to make the first marshmallow candy?

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| a. a store | c. a tree |
| b. a bush | d. a root |

2. The word *sticky* means

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| a. messy and gooey. | c. spotless. |
| b. clean and neat. | d. dirt-free. |

3. Today they do not use the root to make the candy. What do they use?

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| a. gelatin | c. sugar |
| b. gum | d. milk |