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2. Not all plants grow in the same way. Some plants grow and reproduce in one year and are called annuals. Some plants grow and reproduce in two years and are called biennials. Other plants grow and reproduce for many years and are called perennials.

A: Other plants grow and reproduce for many years and are called perennials.

B: Some plants grow and reproduce in two years and are called biennials.

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3. Teeth can tell you what kinds of food a mammal eats. Plant eaters (herbivores) like deer have large, flat molars for grinding plants. Animals that eat both plants and meat (omnivores) have strong canines and molars for tearing and grinding foods. Animals that are meat eaters (carnivores) have canine teeth for cutting and tearing.

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10. People in early North America ate only wild foods that they could hunt or gather. Inuit people ate a lot of fish and seal meat, and gathered seaweed. Pueblo people ate cactus fruit and pine nuts, and hunted rabbits and birds. Cree people ate fish with wild rice that they gathered in the wetlands around the Great Lakes.

A: Cree people ate fish with wild rice that they gathered in the wetlands around the Great Lakes

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Answers and curriculum mapping



Question Number	Solution
1	B
2	C
3	D
4	A
5	B
6	C
7	B
8	D
9	D
10	B
11	B
12	D

Adult Literacy

Rt/L1.3 Identify the main points and specific detail, and infer meaning from images which is not explicit in the text.

- (a) Understand that some texts are structured around main points that are expanded or illustrated by specific detail
- (b) Understand that in some texts and situations only the main points are essential to get the meaning, whereas in others every detail requires careful reading
- (c) Understand that images can be used to convey additional information to that in the printed text

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Functional English

Level 1: Read and understand a range of straightforward texts

- (a) Identify the main points and ideas and how they are presented in a variety of texts

Reference: Ofqual (2009), Functional Skills criteria for English: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, level 1 and level 2.

<http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualification-and-assessment-framework/89-articles/238-functional-skills-criteria>