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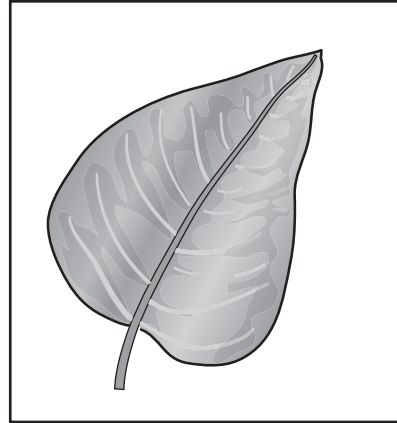
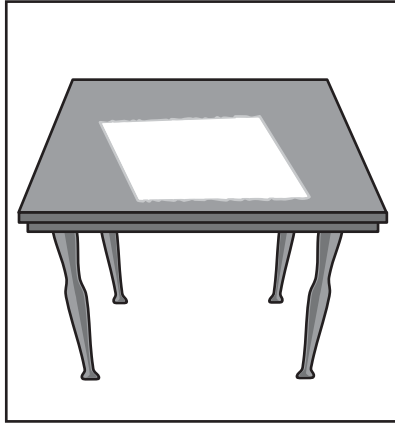
## Reading

► Read the selection and answer each question.

### Looking at Leaves

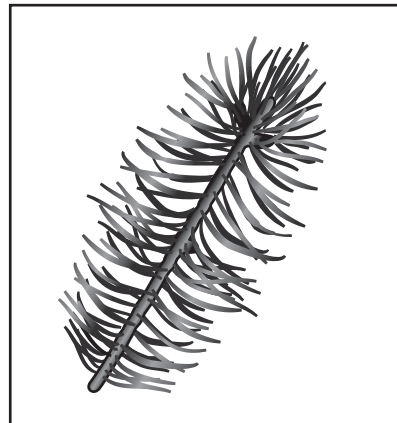
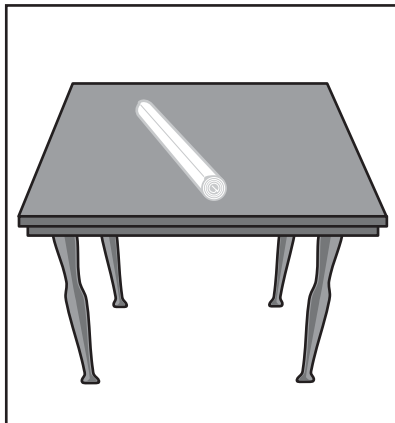
- <sup>1</sup> Plants lose water through their leaves. You can't usually see it, but here is a way that you can.
- <sup>2</sup> On a sunny day, place a clear plastic bag over a few leaves of a growing plant and tape it shut.
- <sup>3</sup> To prove that any water you see comes from the plant, not the bag, fill a second bag with air and tape it shut too. Place it near the leaf bag.
- <sup>4</sup> Wait a few hours; then check the bags. You should see drops of water in the leaf bag but only air in the other bag.
- <sup>5</sup> A big tree has many leaves, so it can lose hundreds of gallons of water in one day. But when water is scarce, during cold winters or long, dry seasons, trees need to save their water. Some trees do this by losing their leaves. Other trees are able to keep their leaves and still save water. Take a look at how they do it.
- <sup>6</sup> Wet three paper towels. Spread one flat. Roll one up tightly into a tube. Fold the third one and place it between waxed paper. After an hour or two, check how wet the towels are.
- <sup>7</sup> The flat one dries out—like a thin, flat leaf would.

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**Trees with thin, flat leaves drop their leaves when they need to save water.**

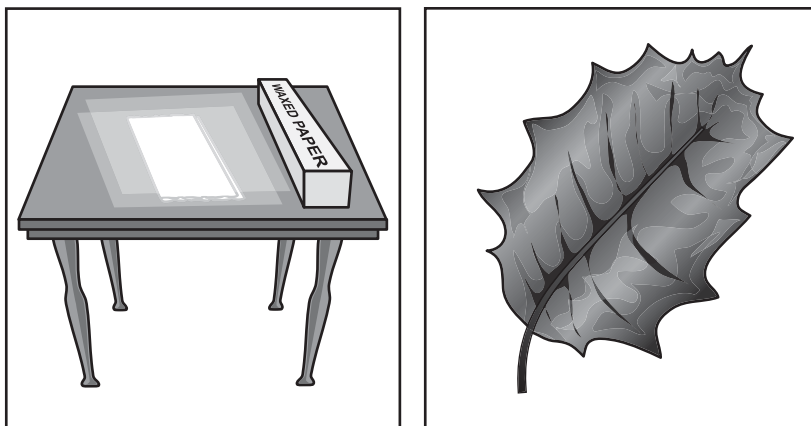
<sup>8</sup> The rolled-up towel stays wet—like a tough needle-shaped leaf would.



**Trees with needle-shaped leaves stay green and keep their leaves all year.**

<sup>9</sup> The towel in the waxed paper also stays wet—like a thick, waxy leaf would.

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**Trees with thick, waxy leaves stay green  
and keep their leaves all year.**

- 1 Read the sentence from paragraph 4.

*You should see drops of water in the leaf bag but only air in the other bag.*

What does the ending -s tell the reader about the drops?

- Ⓐ They are wet.
  - Ⓑ They are small.
  - Ⓒ There are none of them.
  - Ⓓ There are more than one of them.
- 2 In paragraphs 2 through 4, what is the effect of placing a few leaves in a plastic bag and taping it shut?
- Ⓐ The leaves change shape.
  - Ⓑ The leaves turn a different color.
  - Ⓒ Air from the leaves fills up the bag.
  - Ⓓ Water from the leaves gets on the bag.

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3 Read the sentence from paragraph 5.

*But when water is scarce, during cold winters or long, dry seasons, trees need to save their water.*

Now read the dictionary entry.

**scarce** (skârs) *adjective* not very much of something; hardly any

In the sentence above, when do trees need to save their water?

- Ⓐ when they grow taller
- Ⓑ when they grow new leaves
- Ⓒ when there is not a lot of water
- Ⓓ when the water does not freeze

4 Read the caption under the pictures in paragraph 7. What is the purpose of the caption?

- Ⓐ to tell what kind of tree the leaf comes from
- Ⓑ to explain why some trees drop their leaves
- Ⓒ to tell what happened to the paper towel
- Ⓓ to explain how to do the experiment

5 The article explains some different causes and effects. Draw a line to match each effect with its cause.

Big trees have many leaves.
Some trees have leaves with wax on them.
Trees need to save water in the winter.

They are able to stay green all year.
They can lose a lot of water in one day.
Some trees lose all their leaves.

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## Writing

► Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

*Cammy wrote about a day trip with her aunt and uncle. Read Cammy's paper and look for any changes she should make. Then answer the questions that follow.*

### Whale Watching

(1) A few weeks ago, my aunt and uncle in California took me whale watching. (2) It was the \_\_\_\_\_ day I ever had! (3) We went on a whale watching boat. (4) For a while we didn't see any whales, but it was still fun to ride on the boat. (5) I saw some beautiful seabirds. (6) All of a sudden, someone shouted. (7) We all looked where the person was pointing. (8) Then something huge popped out of the water! (9) It was a blue whale! (10) It was large than an airplane. (11) We saw five more whales that day.

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1 Which word or words belong in the blank in sentence 2?

- Ⓐ great
- Ⓑ greater
- Ⓒ greatest
- Ⓓ more greatest

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- 2** What change should be made in sentence 10?
- Ⓐ Change *large* to **larger**.
  - Ⓑ Change *large* to **largest**.
  - Ⓒ Change *large* to **more larger**.
  - Ⓓ No change is needed.
- 3** In sentence 11, which word tells how many whales Cammy saw?
- Ⓐ five
  - Ⓑ more
  - Ⓒ whales
  - Ⓓ day

# Answer Key: Module 8, Week 1 Assessment

Item Number	Correct Answer	Module, Week, Program Skill	Depth of Knowledge
<b>READING</b>			
1	D	M8W1: Generative Vocabulary: Inflections -s, -es	1
2	D	M8W1: Comprehension: Text Organization	2
3	C	M8W1: Vocabulary Strategy: Reference Sources	2
4	B	M8W1: Comprehension: Text Features	2
5	See answer below.	M8W1: Comprehension: Text Organization	2
	Big trees have many leaves. / They can lose a lot of water in one day. Some trees have leaves with wax on them. / They are able to stay green all year. Trees need to save water in the winter. / Some trees lose all their leaves.		
<b>WRITING</b>			
1	C	M8W1: Grammar: Using Adjectives	2
2	A	M8W1: Grammar: Using Adjectives	2
3	A	M8W1: Grammar: Using Adjectives	1