

# Reading Skill



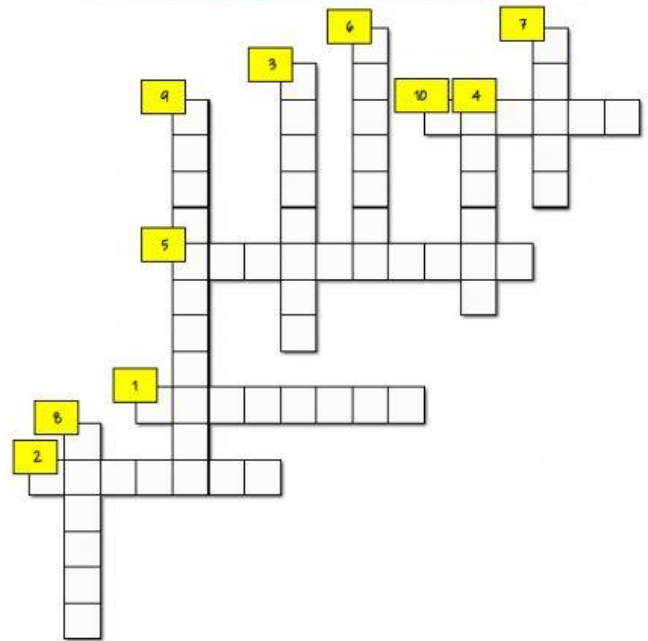
## Mexican Sunflower



### Pre-reading

Complete the crossword.

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| 1. vigorous    | วิจิตร       | แข็งแรง                     |
| 2. drought     | เดรท         | ฤดูกาลที่แห้งแล้ง, หนาวแล้ง |
| 3. tolerant    | ทอลิเรนท์    | อดทน                        |
| 4. annual      | แอนนวล       | พืชล้มลุก                   |
| 5. ornamental  | ออร์เนเมนทัล | เป็นเครื่องประดับ           |
| 6. produce     | พรอดิวซ์     | ผลิต                        |
| 7. frost       | ฟรอสท์       | อากาศหนาวจัด                |
| 8. bright      | ไบรท์        | สว่างไสว                    |
| 9. surrounding | ซีราวันดิง   | ล้อมรอบ                     |
| 10. famous     | เฟมัส        | มีชื่อเสียง                 |



### While-reading

Read the passage carefully.

Mexican sunflower is a vigorous, drought-tolerant, warm-season annual that is easy to grow in the ornamental garden. It came from Mexico and Central America.

Flowers are produced from mid-summer until frost. Each 3-inch blossom has a number of bright red to orange ray flowers surrounding the central yellow flowers.

The flowers are attractive to a wide variety of bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, and can be used as cut flowers.

In Chiang Rai, there is a famous place to see Mexican sunflower - Hua Mae Kham Forest Park, Mae Fah Luang District. October to January is the best time to see them.



## Post-reading

Read the passage again and decide if these statements are T (true) or F (false).

1. Mexican Sunflower is hard to grow in the ornamental garden. 
2. The flowers came from Mexico and South America. 
3. The flowers have 3-inch surrounding yellow flowers. 
4. Mexican Sunflowers are attractive to bees, birds and butterflies. 
5. We can see the flowers in Hua Mae Kham Forest Park. 

