

Vocabulary:

1. E. coli **bacteria** are very dangerous. If food has these bacteria on it, people can become very sick or die.
2. Doctors say we should **consume** eight glasses of water each day, including the water in the food we eat and in the things we drink.
3. Farmers grow **crops** such as wheat and corn.

A. plants that we grown for food

B. very small living things that sometimes cause disease

C. to eat or drink

4. Most strawberry plants grow in warm places. However, scientists want to **modify** strawberry plants so they can live in cold weather.
5. The weather this year was **normal**. We had the usual amount of rain and snow.
6. I used a **pesticide** to kill the ants in my kitchen.

a. usual and expected

b. to make small changes to something

c. a poisonous chemical used to kill insects

7. When the apples are ready to eat, the farmer **picks** them from the tree.
8. The corn grown in the United States is used **primarily** for feeding animals. Most corn is fed to cows, pigs, and chickens, not people.
9. We **purchase** most of our vegetables from local farmers, not a supermarket.

A. to pull a fruit or vegetable from a plant

B. to buy

C. mainly

10. I put the carrots in the refrigerator so they **retain** their freshness. If I don't, they get soft and don't taste good.
11. Oceans are one **source** of fish. Fish farms, lakes, and rivers are others.
12. My mother gave us **vitamins** every day. We took vitamin A for healthy eyes and vitamin D for strong bones.

A. a place where you get something

B. to keep or hold on to

C. a part of food that helps with good health

INTERACT WITH VOCABULARY! Work with a partner. Notice the boldfaced words. Circle the best word to complete each sentence. Take turns saying the sentences.

1. (Genetically / Gene) **modified food** is made in the laboratory.
2. Scientists (modify / modifying) **genes** to make plants grow differently.
3. Scientists want to (solve / solved) **problems**.
4. E. coli are (common / commonly) **bacteria**.
5. **Just** (picked / picking) **fruit** is delicious.
6. Corn (stays / staying) **fresh** in the refrigerator.
7. Some people are against the (use / used) **of pesticides** to kill insects.
8. Our corn crop was (consumed / consumer) **by insects**.
9. Farmers (grow / grown) **crops** to sell.
10. Vegetables are a good (source / sources) **of vitamins**.
11. I didn't feel like shopping; I quickly (made / make) **a purchase** and then left the store.
12. Tomatoes don't **retain their** (flavor / flavored) after you pick them.