READING

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The Largest Flower in the World

The Rafflesia is the largest flower in the world. This rare plant is found in the forests of Southeast Asia. The Rafflesia has five giant petals, and can grow up to one meter wide!

The Rafflesia's size is not the only thing that makes it special. The flower has a very strong smell, a bit like the smell of rotting meat. The strong smell brings flies and other insects. They help spread the flower's pollen.

Even though it has a giant flower, the Rafflesia doesn't have roots or leaves. It is a parasitic plant—it lives off other plants.

2 Read and complete.

roots very old The Rafflesia ~~parasitic~~ flies information

1 The Rafflesia lives off other plants. This makes it parasitic.

2 The author wrote this article to give the reader _____.

3 *Rotting* describes food that is _____.

4 The flower's pollen is spread by _____.

5 The Rafflesia has petals, but it doesn't have _____.

6 Another possible title for the article is _____.

Score: / 10

3 Read and choose T (*True*) or F (*False*).

1 The Rafflesia is the smallest flower in the world. T / (F)

2 The Rafflesia is found in Southeast Asia. T / F

3 The flower has ten petals. T / F

4 The flower can grow up to one meter wide. T / F

5 Flies and other insects like the Rafflesia's smell. T / F

6 The Rafflesia has leaves and roots. T / F

Score: / 10

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