

Classrooms Are Growing Greener



Reading Comprehension

Think about each statement below. Is each statement true or false?
Circle T next to each true statement. Circle F next to each false statement.

- T F 1. "Going green" can save schools money.
- T F 2. Solar panels make energy from oil and gas.
- T F 3. All environment-friendly green classrooms are painted green.
- T F 4. Solar panels can provide power to run computers.
- T F 5. A grid-neutral classroom creates its own electricity.
- T F 6. Old blue jeans are being used in walls and ceilings to keep students warmer.
- T F 7. Some schools use special paints that don't add chemical smells to school air.
- T F 8. Engines that idle cannot pollute the air.
- T F 9. Some students learn better in classrooms that are full of natural sunlight.
- T F 10. Students in "green schools" often have better attendance than kids in other schools.

Language Practice: Word Use

In each sentence, color the circle before the word that means nearly the same as the underlined word.

1. Solar panels collect energy from the sun to power lights.
 a. combine b. gather c. waste d. compute
2. Some schools use solar panels to create their own electricity.
 a. paint b. sell c. insulate d. produce
3. Classroom lights are programmed to dim when the sun comes out from behind the clouds.
 a. brighten b. darken c. idle d. cancel
4. Blue-jean insulation can help schools cut their electricity bills.
 a. comb b. raise c. reduce d. increase
5. Wall paints and tile glues can add chemical smells to indoor air.
 a. dust b. sniffs c. odors d. senses

Reading Comprehension: What's the Main Idea?

Color the circle next to the statement that *best* sums up the main idea of this week's News for You article.

- a. Some schools are adding solar panels to their roofs.
- b. An idle-free zone is a place where cars and buses must shut down their engines.
- c. Paint and glue can create indoor air that can be harmful to a person's health.
- d. Schools are making an effort to go green so kids can learn and feel better.