

**YTÜ İYS  
Reading  
Örnek Sorular - 2**

### THE TWO VEGETABLE NATIVE TO AMERICA

1 Tomatoes are probably the most popular garden vegetable grown in the United States. This can be attributed to their unique flavor, attractiveness, richness as a source of vitamins C and A, and **versatility** as a food. The popularity of peppers as a garden plant can be attributed to the same factors, although they are usually not consumed in large enough quantities to make them an important nutritional factor in the diet.



2 The cultivated tomato originated in the Andes mountains of South America. It was introduced to other areas of the world by Indians and European travelers. Its seeds were taken to Europe, where a superstition soon arose that the tomato stimulated love. Because of this, the tomato was called the "love apple". The first report of the tomato in North America was in 1710, where it was grown primarily as an ornamental plant. Early colonists brought the seeds to Virginia and grew tomatoes in flower gardens.

3 Tomatoes, actually a fruit that is used as a vegetable, began gaining wide acceptance as a food plant in the United States between 1820 and 1850. Modern plant growers have done much to improve the tomato and add to its usefulness. **Its** yields have been doubled, and varieties with larger, smoother, more even shapes and meatier pulps have been developed. The tomato is the leading crop canned in the United States today.

4 Peppers are also **native** to America and were grown by American Indian tribes in both North and South America over 2,000 years ago. The small red hot peppers were discovered by Columbus in the West Indies and introduced into Europe, where they became popular before gaining widespread acceptance in the United States. Peppers became one of the first New World foods used commercially in Europe. Botanists class the fruit of the bush-type garden pepper as a berry. Although most varieties of peppers produce red fruits (which are green in their immature stage), there are some yellow-fruited varieties, and peppers are of both mild and pungent types. Peppers enjoy warm climates, and young plants can be injured by frosts. Seasonings such as paprika and chili powder and food products such as canned pimentos are commercial uses of garden peppers that are grown in the United States today.



5 The familiar spice black pepper known in households throughout the world is the product of a trailing or climbing shrub grown in Indonesia and other hot countries. The islands of Java and Madura furnish most of the black pepper used in American homes. The United States buys almost 25,000 tons of **this spice** annually.

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1. The topic of the text is -----.
- A) food discoveries of early Europeans  
B) the nutritional value of garden vegetables  
C) tomatoes and peppers  
D) why tomatoes are more popular than peppers
2. The word "**versatility**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to -----.
- A) economic value  
B) range of uses  
C) tastiness  
D) marketability
3. Why are peppers not an important nutritional factor in a diet according to paragraph 1?
- A) People don't eat enough of them  
B) They lack the necessary vitamins  
C) They are less tasty than tomatoes  
D) Peppers are found in tropical climates
4. It can be inferred from paragraph 2 that the tomatoes were first used in North America -----.
- A) for food  
B) as decoration  
C) in place of pepper  
D) or nutritional purposes
5. It is stated in paragraph 2 that the tomato was called the "love apple" because -----.
- A) its fruit was heart-shaped  
B) it supposedly aroused affectionate feeling  
C) people liked to eat it  
D) it is beautiful look at
6. The word "**its**" in paragraph 3 could best be replaced by -----.
- A) a food plant'      B) a fruit's      C) tomato's      D) plant grower's
7. The word "**native**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning -----.
- A) indigenous      B) legendary      C) colorful      D) located
8. All of the following can be inferred from the text about peppers EXCEPT -----.
- A) peppers became popular in the united states later than in Europe  
B) peppers were bought and sold in Europe  
C) red peppers are high spiced  
D) peppers originated fairly recently in North and South America
9. The phrase "**this spice**" in paragraph 5 refers to -----.
- A) paprika  
B) chili powder  
C) pepper berries  
D) black pepper

10. Which of the following BEST describes the format of this text?
- A) A series of hypothesis
  - B) A general introduction followed by detailing
  - C) A response to a criticism
  - D) A question and subsequent answers

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