

# Reading Comprehension: Spring



## Royal Botanical Gardens

**Instructions:** Read the information below and then try to answer the questions at the bottom.

Royal Botanical Gardens is famous for its horticultural collection and natural lands. The Gardens have over 300 acres\* are beautiful gardens. Over 2,400 acres are wilderness and wetlands including 30 kilometers of trails for nature lovers. The Gardens have several free activities such as nature trails, which are open to visitors from dawn to dusk each day. No admission is charged, but there are donation boxes at most trail entrances. The RBG Centre is open to the public. From Thanksgiving through to the end of April, admission is free to open garden areas. Most other activities such as festivals and events are admission-based. Once in the gardens, you can take a red double-decker bus from one garden to another, and take a guided tour of the gardens.

The Gardens have several children's activities. They offer family tours each day, and a family can borrow a Discovery Pack, free with admission. The Discovery Packs include activity guides and equipment for exploring nature in the gardens. Other festivals and events usually have a family part as well, such as children's crafts or entertainers. They also offer children's day camps during the summer. If you visit the gardens after April 29<sup>th</sup>, admission is \$8 for adults, and \$6 for seniors and students. It's \$3 for children, and children 5 and under free.

In May, Flowering Cherry Trees are in bloom, as well as Orchids, Cacti and Mediterranean plants. Spring wildflowers and flowering spring bulbs are also in bloom. In June many flowers are in bloom including Roses, Iris, Peonies Perennials, Azaleas and Rhododendrons. If you visit the RBG, there is a café for a meal. However, it's a perfect place to bring your own lunch and have a picnic in the gardens!

\* An acre is a unit of land area that measures 0.045 hectares.

### Questions:

1. When can people visit the trail system?
2. How much does it cost to hike on the trails?
3. When do you have to pay admission to visit the gardens?
4. What is a Discovery Pack?
5. What does the RBG offer families during special events?
6. How much is admission for students?
7. Name 2 plants that are in bloom in May.
8. Name 3 flowers that are in bloom in June.

## Answer Key

1. People can visit the trails from dawn (morning) to dusk (evening).
2. It's free to go hiking on the nature trails.
3. Admission is charged to the gardens from April 29<sup>th</sup> to Thanksgiving.
4. A Discovery Pack includes activity guides and equipment for exploring nature while you visit the Gardens.
5. The RBG usually offers children's crafts or entertainers.
6. It costs \$6.00 for students.
7. Cacti, Orchids, and cherry trees are in bloom in May.
8. Roses, Iris, and peonies are in bloom in June