

Revision 3

Listen!



You are Lester. You are reading an online article about aloe vera.

Aloe Vera

Apart from being edible, aloe vera is famous for its medical uses. One of the best-known uses is skin care. For instance, it relieves the pain of sunburn and minor cuts. Follow the steps below to get the curative gel of aloe vera:

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1. Cut open an aloe vera leaf.
2. Squeeze the thick clear gel out of the leaf.
3. Apply it directly to the affected skin.



Aloe vera is used in many types of skincare products because of its healing effect on skin. Moreover, it is also well known for its effect on digestion. If you are suffering from constipation, it can work miracles for you. You just need to eat the jelly-like substance inside the leaf, then wait and see!

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Aloe vera is not difficult to grow. However, you should keep several key points in mind.

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- 95% of an aloe vera plant consists of water, so it is very sensitive to frost.
- In summer, in order to maintain the plant's water content, you should water it thoroughly. Flood the soil and then allow it to dry before you water the plant again.
- In winter, the plant grows slowly and consumes little water, so you can just water it lightly.
- Since the roots of the plant are short, use a wide pot rather than a deep one.
- Finally, make sure the plant gets plenty of sunlight.

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Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the online article. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

1. Aloe vera is used in many skincare products because _____.
 - A. it is jelly-like
 - B. it is good for digestion
 - C. it can be planted easily
 - D. it can moisturise the skin
2. How can one relieve pain on skin with an aloe plant?
 - A. by making dishes with it
 - B. by applying its thick gel on the affected area
 - C. by making skin products with it
 - D. by eating the thick gel
3. Read line 12. The word 'constipation' refers to a condition in which _____.
 - A. you want to vomit
 - B. you cannot get rid of solid waste from your body easily
 - C. you do not want to eat any food
 - D. you feel pain in your stomach
4. When you grow an aloe vera plant in summer, remember to water it _____ and give it _____ sunlight.
 - A. lightly, abundant
 - B. lightly, sufficient
 - C. thoroughly, abundant
 - D. thoroughly, sufficient
5. The article most probably appears on a website about _____.
 - A. health and medicine
 - B. cookery
 - C. sports and fitness
 - D. environmental protection

Part C Vocabulary

Complete the diary entry by filling in the blanks with the words provided. One of the words is not used.

dizziness trophies curtains bean bag chair
stuffed toy eczema pitch coach blu-ray 3D glasses

Dear Diary,

Today I paid a visit to the new apartment of Sam, my interior designer friend, who designed his home by himself.

Once I entered his house, I was attracted by the golden ❶ _____ on the shelves. He was once the captain of the school football team! He told me that his ❷ _____ taught him many things about football and life, and that his days playing with his teammates on the ❸ _____ were truly enjoyable.

Being a film buff, he bought the newest model of a 3D plasma TV (which is large and produces very clear images) for watching films at home. He said that it is similar to watching 3D films in the cinema, and a pair of ❹ _____ is needed. I'm not quite interested in it as those glasses are uncomfortable and wearing them can easily cause ❺ _____.

His bedroom is the area I like the most. It is spacious, clean and bright. The walls were painted white and the ❻ _____ were blue. There was a ❼ _____ next to his bed. He likes sitting on it and reading for a couple of hours. I could see a lovely ❸ _____ on his bed. He said it was a birthday gift from his girlfriend.

As a whole, his home is comfortable and well-designed. I think I will consult him about how to renovate my flat.

Time for bed now.

Joanne