Pumpkins





What is a big, round, orange fruit? A pumpkin!



A pumpkin is a fruit that grows at the end of the summer.



Baby pumpkins start to grow on a long stem called a vine.



Some pumpkins are tiny, but some can grow to be huge!



One of the best things about pumpkins is getting to eat them. Pumpkin pie!



People like to eat pumpkins and so do animals.



You can visit a pumpkin patch and pick your own pumpkin to eat or decorate.



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Word Count: 93 Reading Recovery: 7

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