



Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To practise <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. skimming and scanning skills b. identifying words in context c. determining main ideas 	
Warmer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher shows picture of a crocus flower and asks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do you know the name of this flower? b. What is so special about this flower? 	3 mins
Pre-reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher distributes Task 1. 2. Teacher tells students to complete the task with a partner in <u>5 mins</u> – practice skimming skill without reading the article in its entirety. Students to read question/sentence & try to locate the information in the article. 	7 mins
While-Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher checks the answers and provide feedback. 2. Teacher assigns Task 2. 3. Teacher asks students to number the paragraphs in the magazine article. 4. Students attempt task with a different partner. 	15 mins
Post-reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher discusses the answers. 2. Teacher assigns Task 3. 3. Students complete task individually. 4. Students check answers with a partner. 5. Teacher discusses answers. 	12 mins
Wrap	Teacher does a concept check of the lesson	3 mins

TASK 1

Skim through the passage and try to locate the relevant information to complete the blanks in the sentences below.

1. Red gold refers to _____.
2. Saffron comes from _____ flowers.
3. Crocus are _____ in colour.
4. A single crocus flower produces only _____ strands of saffron.
5. Complete the steps in the processing of saffron after harvesting:
Harvested → _____ → _____
6. A pound of saffron comes from _____ stigmas of _____ crocus flowers.
7. Because harvesting saffron is so _____ – it takes _____ hours of labour to pick _____ flowers – the cost of one kilogram alone can reach US\$_____. The world produces only _____ kg of saffron per year.
8. Saffron producing countries include _____, _____, _____ and _____, with _____ % coming from _____.

TASK 2

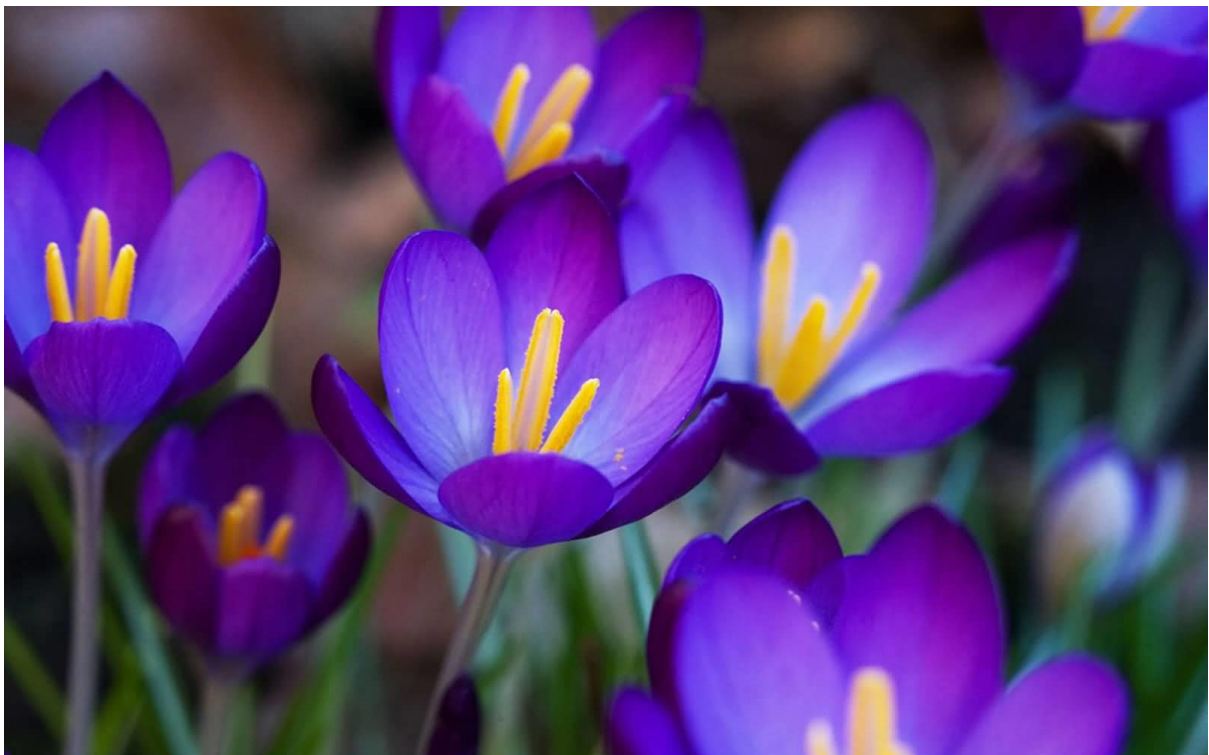
Match the following headings to the paragraphs in the magazine article. (Start by numbering the paragraphs in the magazine article.)

Headings	Para#
1. Valuable threads	
2. A little goes a long way	
3. Real or fake?	
4. The ancients and saffron	1
5. Better than gold	
6. Cooking with saffron	
7. An expensive spice	
8. Medicinal properties	
9. Short-lived blooms	
10. Quality in colour	
11. Where to find	
12. A labour-intensive crop	

TASK 3

Complete the blanks with suitable words from the article.

Saffron is ¹ _____ from the ² _____ flower which is ³ _____ in colour. Each flower yields only ⁴ _____ threads of saffron. Growing saffron is ⁵ _____, which is the reason for its high cost. Moreover, to get one ⁶ _____ of saffron, you need to harvest 210,000 stigmas from 70,000 flowers. Also, it takes ⁷ _____ hours of hard work to pick 150,000 flowers. One ⁸ _____ of saffron can cost as much as US\$11,000 and the worldwide yield per year only totals about ⁹ _____ kilograms. Countries which grow saffron include Iran, India, Spain and the Netherlands, ¹⁰ _____ of which comes from Iran. Saffron is widely used in certain ¹¹ _____ and because of its powerful ¹² _____, very little is needed to flavor food. There are unscrupulous traders who sell ¹³ _____ saffron to unknowing people at a cheaper price. However, the aroma and taste of genuine saffron is hard to ¹⁴ _____. The ¹⁵ _____ of saffron can be determined by its colour. The longer saffron is kept, under proper conditions, the better its taste. Because of this, there are people who ¹⁶ _____ in saffron, i.e. they buy to sell at a time when supplies are low in order to make a good profit. Finally, saffron has medicinal properties which are good for health.



ANSWERS

Task 1

1. saffron
2. crocus
3. purple
4. 3
5. dried → roasted
6. 210,000; 70,000
7. labour-intensive; 40; 150,000; 11,000; 20,000
8. Iran, India, Spain, Netherlands; 80%; Iran

Task 2

1. 4
2. 7
3. 9
4. 1
5. 11
6. 8
7. 2
8. 12
9. 3
10. 10
11. 6
12. 5

Task 3

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| 1. extracted | 9. 20,000 kilograms |
| 2. crocus | 10. 80% |
| 3. purple | 11. cuisines |
| 4. 3 (three) | 12. aroma |
| 5. labour-intensive | 13. fake |
| 6. pound | 14. replicate |
| 7. 40 (forty) | 15. quality |
| 8. kilogram | 16. invest |