

# In Praise of Green

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It is said that green is Mother Nature's favorite color because so many plants and animals wear it. Obviously, we like it as well. It pops up in surnames, names of places and things, and in our speech.

All of the following items are about things that **are green** or have the word **green in their names**. Write the correct answer to each question in the appropriate blank on the left.

**Example:**

What green plant sometimes grows stems with four leaves, which are said to be omens of good luck?

Answer: **clover**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A tree or bush with needles instead of regular leaves is called an \_\_\_\_\_ because it stays green year round.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. To say that someone *looks green around the* \_\_\_\_\_, means that the person appears pale and sickly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which of the following animals does **not** have a green family member?  
*birds amphibians rodents spiders worms moths*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The color green is associated with the celebration of \_\_\_\_\_ Day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A person who is good at growing plants is said to have a green \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. What is the name of the low-growing, creeping North American plant that has bell-shaped white flowers followed by edible spicy scarlet berries and aromatic leaves that yield an oil? It's also called *checkerberry* or *teaberry*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Bowling Green is the name of a city in both Ohio and \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Three green foods are green beans, green \_\_\_\_\_, and green pepper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The twelve-block area of New York City that has been home to some of America's most creative minds and artists for over a hundred years is known as \_\_\_\_\_ Village.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. What state would you be visiting if you were skiing in the Green Mountains?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. What **two** primary colors when combined result in the color green?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. What does a person employed as a greenskeeper at a golf club take care of?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The world's largest island has *green* in its name although 85% of it is covered in ice. What is its name?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. At least fifteen states have cities named **Greenwood**. Which of the following is **not** one of them?  
*Wisconsin Texas Virginia*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. A person who experiences jealousy is said to be *green with* \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. For years, people have enjoyed telling and hearing fantastic stories about *little green men from* \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. In the 1990 census, **Green** is one of the top 50 most common surnames. What number is it?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. What *green* word fits the following definition: *a newcomer, especially one who is unfamiliar with the ways of a place or group*. There is a city in Oregon with the same name.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. It's a healthy habit to include green leafy \_\_\_\_\_ as part of one's daily diet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. What is the substance that gives plants their green color?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. What traditional English folk song has the same melody as the Christmas carol *What Child Is This?*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. A slang term for an American paper dollar is a \_\_\_\_\_. There is a city by the same name in Tennessee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. What is the name of the international organization that works for environmental conservation and the preservation of endangered species? *Save the Whales* is one of its slogans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. In the novel **Holes**, what is the name of the camp where Stanley Yelnats was sent for stealing a pair of shoes?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. According to a very famous frog, it isn't \_\_\_\_\_ being green.

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## Answer Keys

1. evergreen
2. gills
3. rodents
4. St. Patrick's
5. thumb
6. wintergreen
7. Kentucky
8. peas/apples/tomatoes
9. Greenwich
10. Vermont
11. blue and yellow
12. the grass (turf)
13. Greenland
14. Texas
15. envy
16. Mars
17. 35<sup>th</sup>
18. greenhorn
19. vegetables
20. chlorophyll
21. Greensleeves
22. greenback
23. Greenpeace
24. Camp Green Lake
25. easy