

Composting Myths: True or False?

Test what you know — then flip the page to check your score

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each statement below and **circle TRUE or FALSE**. Some of these are things people believe about composting that just aren't true!

1	A well-run compost bin always smells bad.	TRUE	FALSE
2	Banana peels and apple cores can both be composted.	TRUE	FALSE
3	Meat and dairy belong in a classroom or backyard compost bin.	TRUE	FALSE
4	Worms and other tiny creatures help break scraps down.	TRUE	FALSE
5	Finished compost looks and smells like plastic.	TRUE	FALSE
6	Plastic and styrofoam will break down in a compost bin if you just wait.	TRUE	FALSE
7	Finished compost can be ready in weeks or months, not hundreds of years.	TRUE	FALSE
8	Grass clippings and dead leaves can both go in a compost bin.	TRUE	FALSE
9	A compost bin needs both "browns" and "greens" to work well.	TRUE	FALSE
10	Composting only helps the environment — it doesn't help people grow food.	TRUE	FALSE

How'd you do?

9–10

Compost Expert

6–8

Nutrient Apprentice

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Just Getting Started

Bonus: pick one FALSE statement above and explain, in your own words, why it isn't true.

DID YOU KNOW? A backyard bin can turn scraps into finished compost in as little as two to three months with the right mix of browns, greens, water, and air.

ANSWER KEY (NO PEEKING!)

6-F 7-T 8-T 9-T 10-F

1-F 2-T 3-F 4-T 5-F