

READING PRACTICE 1



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Get ready

Word family from the passage

تسلط
dominance

سلطه
domination

تولید کردن
produce

تولید
production

Similar words: Country and nationality

Spain

Spanish

Portugal

Portugues

Venice

Venetian

Europe

European

READING PASSAGE 1

Nutmeg – a valuable spice

درخت جوز هندی
The nutmeg tree, *Myristica fragrans*, is a large همیشه سبز evergreen tree native to Southeast Asia. Until the late 18th century, it only grew in one place in the world: a small group of islands in the **Banda Sea**, part of the Moluccas – or Spice Islands – in northeastern Indonesia. The tree is شاخه های کلفت thickly branched with شاخ و برگ متراکم dense foliage of tough, dark green oval leaves¹, and produces small, yellow, bell-shaped flowers and pale yellow pear-shaped fruits.

The fruit is محصور شده encased in a پوسته گوشتی fleshy husk. When the fruit is ripe, this husk splits into two halves² along a توری شکل ridge running the length of the fruit. Inside is a پوشش زرشکی purple-brown shiny seed, 2–3 cm long by about 2 cm across, surrounded by a توری شکل lacy red or crimson covering called an 'aril'.



thickly branched with dense foliage



bell-shaped flowers



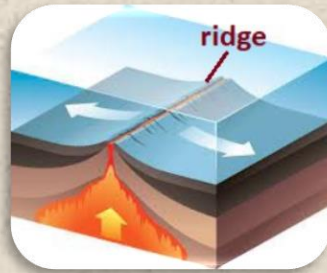
pear-shaped fruits



fruit is encased in a fleshy husk



Ridge plant



ridge



purple-brown shiny seed



lacy red or crimson covering

encased in: to cover or surround something completely
His broken leg was encased in plaster.

پای شکسته او در گچ محصور شده بود

Ridge: the part at the top of a roof, where the two sides meet
A small ridge of sand separated the field from the beach.
To plant beans, one must first ridge the land

یک پشته کوچک از ماسه ، میدان را از ساحل جدا کرد.

برای کاشت لوبیا ، ابتدا باید سطح زمین را برآمده کرد

These are the sources of the two spices **nutmeg** and **mace**, the former being produced from the dried seed and the latter from the aril.

Nutmeg was a highly prized and costly ingredient in European cuisine in the Middle Ages, and was used as a flavoring¹, medicinal, and **preservative agent**. Throughout this period, the Arabs were the **exclusive** importers of the spice to Europe. They sold nutmeg for high prices to **merchants** based in Venice, but they never **revealed** the exact location of the source of this extremely valuable **commodity**. The Arab-Venetian **dominance** of the trade finally ended in 1512, when the Portuguese reached the Banda Islands and began **exploiting** its precious resources.

Nutmeg is a spice made from the nutmeg seed

Mace is a yellowish-brown spice we obtain from the **reddish** seed covering of the nutmeg



GENDER REVEAL IDEAS



Commodity



Nutmeg



Mace reddish seed covering

preservative: a chemical substance that is used to prevent things from decaying, for example food or wood

The demand for food without preservatives is increasing

Exclusive: available or belonging only to particular people, and not shared

BSkyB had exclusive rights to all the live matches

dominance of: the continuing dominance of the army in Uganda

the economic and political dominance of Western countries

exploiting: to try to get as much as you can out of a situation, sometimes unfairly

to exploit the country's natural resources.

protests against the exploitation of children in the clothing industry

revealed to make known something that was previously secret or unknown

What actually happened to the gold has never been revealed.