

A Grinch's Garden – Plant Info

Name _____

Directions: Complete each section of the grid to share what you have learned about holiday plants.

Plant	Scientific Name	Where is it native to?	Describe the Plant	What is <u>good</u> about it? Why do people enjoy it?	Why might a grinch like this plant?
Peppermint					
Cocoa					
Holly					
Mistletoe					
Poinsettia					

1. Use context clues from the reading to define the following terms (in bold in the text):

Bracts –

Native –

Toxic –

Toxin –

Parasite –

Host –

Bear –

Indigenous –

Invasive Species –

Native Species –

2. A grinch says that poinsettias flowers are red, white, or pink. Is he lying? Explain!

3. A grinch heard that poinsettias are deadly. Is this true? Explain.

4. What is more dangerous about the beautiful holly tree – the leaves or the berries? Explain.

5. Mistletoe is very pretty, but name two reasons a grinch might like this plant.

6. Explain how cocoa production leads to habitat destruction.

7. What species are at risk because of deforestation in West Africa?

8. Does peppermint really make your mouth feel cool, or is that a figment of your imagination?

9. Peppermint is delicious – why wouldn't you want a grinch to spread its seeds in your garden?

10. Overall, which plant do you think *most* belongs in a grinch's garden? Justify your answer.