



THE BIRMINGHAM  
BOTANICAL GARDENS  
& GLASSHOUSES  
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## Glasshouse Quiz Answers

### TROPICAL HOUSE

1. Which dwarf banana can you find growing here?

Dwarf Cavendish or Canary Banana

2. Which plant can we make hairspray from?

Banyan Tree

3. This plant can make you sneeze!

Black Pepper

4. Can you un-jumble this plant? It makes car tyres!

e b u b r r      your answer = rubber

5. This climbing orchid is found near the Bo Tree and is used in toothpaste:

Vanilla

6. This brightly coloured plant has leaves that look like bird's feet!

Croton      Can you draw one of the leaves in the box?



### SUBTROPICAL HOUSE

1. How many years does a tea plant live for?

a/ 20 to 30 years      b/ 30 to 40 years      or      c/ 40 to 50 years

2. Can you find the name of 2 plants that like to eat flies?

Pitchers, Sundews or Venus Fly Traps

3. True or false? Sugar Cane is from New Guinea: True

4. Spanish Moss has a nick-name. Circle which one you think it is!

a/ Old Man's Beard      b/ Old Man's Moustache      or      c/ Old Man's Fingers

5. What is this called and what was it used for?

A Wardian Case and it was used to protect plants from the salt spray and wind on ships





## MEDITERRANEAN HOUSE

There are many citrus plants growing here. Can you find the following?

1. This fruit gives you lots of Vitamin C and is very tasty:

**Sweet Orange or Seville (Orange)**

2. A fruit that was invented over 250 years ago:

**Grapefruit**

3. A big fruit used in cakes and perfumes:

**Citron**

4. This can be used like coffee:

**Fig**

5. Can you find all the above plant names in the grid opposite?

Q	S	B	C	O	A	N	M	I	P	V	Y
A	W	I	S	E	V	I	L	L	E	W	O
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## ARID HOUSE

1. This tree with a red sap is called:

a/ Dracula's Blood

b/ **Dragon's Blood** or

c/ Demon's Blood

2. Can you find the cactus that lives in a rainforest!?

**Queen of the night**

3. Which country is the 'Needle and Thread plant' from?

**Mexico**

4. Name 2 uses for the Aloe vera plant:

**Healing wounds, soothing burns, reducing blood sugar levels in diabetics, decreasing arthritic swelling, providing nutritional benefits for HIV patients or stimulating the body's response to cancer**

5. This very prickly plant has a fruit in its name:

**Prickly Pear**

