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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**From a Seed to a Fun Food**

Nothing is better than the smell of popcorn popping. It is a delicious smell that can make anyone hungry. But how does popcorn turn from a hard seed into something so good to eat?

The hard shell of a piece of popcorn covers something interesting. Inside are the parts that would eventually grow into a mature plant if it were planted. A little bit of water is also inside that shell.

A popcorn seed needs to get very hot to pop. Then the water inside the shell turns into a gas. The gas requires much more space when it gets hot. The steam finally pops the seed case wide open. The popcorn seed turns inside out and looks white.

Making popcorn is a lot of fun. Long ago people played a game with it. They threw popcorn seeds onto hot rocks in a fire. When the seeds popped open, popcorn would fly into the air. Even long ago, everyone loved popcorn.

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 Which sentence tells an opinion?

- Nothing is better than the smell of popcorn popping.
- A little bit of water is also inside that shell.
- The popcorn seed turns inside out and looks white.

2 Which sentence tells a fact?

- Making popcorn is a lot of fun.
- The hard shell of a piece of popcorn covers something interesting.
- They threw popcorn seeds onto hot rocks in a fire.

3 What happens *after* the water inside the popcorn seed's shell turns to gas?

- The popcorn shell pops open.
- The popcorn seed gets very hot.
- The hard shell covers the soft insides.

4 What is the author's opinion about popcorn?

5 In your opinion, what is the *best* thing about popcorn?

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1, 2, 5: **Informational Text 1.** Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. **Question 3: Informational Text 3.** Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. **Question 4: Informational Text 8.** Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.