


## What is the first lady's job?

- 1 The first lady does not have a paying job. She is the wife of the president of the United States. But first ladies work hard. They greet important people. They help people learn to read or care for those who are sick.
- 2 Abigail Adams was one of the earliest and busiest first ladies. She often worked with her husband, John. In fact, many people thought she did too much. Sometimes she seemed to be running the country.
- 3 Another famous first lady was Eleanor Roosevelt. Her husband, Franklin, couldn't walk. So Mrs. Roosevelt traveled around the country for him. She talked to everyone. Then she went back to the White House. She told President Roosevelt what people were thinking and what they worried about. Mrs. Roosevelt also tried to make life better for America's poor people.
- 4 The people of the United States don't choose their first lady. She gets the job if her husband becomes president. Americans are lucky to have had so many hardworking women in the White House.

Circle the right answer for questions 1–5. Write your answer to question 6 on a blank piece of paper.

1. The article does not tell \_\_\_\_\_.  
A who is first lady now  
B where the first lady lives  
C how a first lady gets the job  
D how much the first lady is paid
2. Which word in paragraph 1 means “welcome someone in a friendly way”?  
A work  
B care  
C help  
D greet
3. Which paragraph tells what Eleanor Roosevelt did?  
A 1  
B 2  
C 3  
D 4
4. The article does not say, but you can decide that first ladies \_\_\_\_\_.  
A keep the White House clean  
B spend all their time traveling  
C live apart from the rest of their family  
D do more than some people who have paying jobs
5. *Running* can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 2.  
A entering a contest  
B making a short visit  
C leading or managing  
D going faster than a walk

 6. If you were president or first lady of the United States, what would you do to help the country?


## Is slime good to eat?

- 1 Everyone has seen the green slime in fish ponds and swimming pools. But not everyone knows that this slime is living and growing. It is an important plant called algae (AL•jee). Someday algae may be people's main food.
- 2 Algae are the tiniest of all plants. They have no stems, leaves, or roots. In fact, most algae are only one cell. But they are quite strong. They only need water, sunlight, and air to grow. And they grow very fast.
- 3 There are many different kinds of algae. They come in many colors like green, blue-green, red, and brown. Seaweed is one kind of algae that can be eaten. Astronauts in space eat this green food. Algae are easy to store on spaceships. And they are very good for people. But algae are more than a food. They also make oxygen. Someday people in space might need algae for both food and air.
- 4 A whole plate of algae is better for you than many whole dinners. But who wants to eat slimy green stuff? Most people don't. So cooks use algae in soups and salads. They even make an algae cheese cake! You can't tell you're eating slime.



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1. The article does not tell how \_\_\_\_\_.  
A algae are used in space  
B fast algae grow  
C small algae are  
D algae taste
2. Which word in paragraph 2 means “the smallest part of a living plant”?  
A air  
B cell  
C water  
D sunlight
3. Which paragraph tells what cooks do with algae?  
A 1  
B 2  
C 3  
D 4
4. Which of these does not help algae grow?  
A air  
B stems  
C water  
D sunlight
5. The article does not say, but you can decide that many people don’t know \_\_\_\_\_.  
A that algae are alive  
B that algae are slimy  
C how good algae are for them to eat  
D how algae look in ponds or swimming pools



6. Think of a food that tastes better than it looks. Tell about it.