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Morning Starters: Summer1 - Grasslands

Word Challenge

The word 'tumbleweed' is a compound word that is made from two separate words – 'tumble' and 'weed'.

Using words from the list make some different compound words that are connected to grasslands.

Grammar Challenge

Click text to edit Copy and complete the sentence below with an effective simile.

During the storm, the tumbleweed rolled across the Steppe like ...

Example: During the storm, the tumbleweed rolled across the Steppe like a frightened animal fleeing danger.

Did You Know?

The Steppe is an endless stretch of grassland that spans thousands of miles across Europe and Asia from Hungary in the east to China in the west. During storms, tumbleweed rolls dramatically across these plains, blown by powerful winds. For film crews, capturing the beauty of the Steppe can be awkward and challenging as the wind interferes with their work. This ancient grassland is a place of both harsh conditions and breathtaking natural beauty.

Where in the world is the Hungary? Click the 👥

Number Challenge

A single tumbleweed plant dropped 250,000 seeds as it rolled around. If 50% of the seeds grow, how many plants will that be? If 25% of the seeds grow, how many plants will that be? If 10% of the seeds grow, how many plants will that be?

Critical Thinking

What are the main similarities and differences between a tumbleweed and a car tyre?





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