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Bamboo: Useful Grass 510

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Bamboo is a useful plant in many places in the world. It is a type of grass **(that)** can grow to be very tall. **(Bamboo)** has stems that can reach almost 120 **(feet)** tall. This kind of bamboo seems **(more)** like a tall tree than a **(grass)**. Bamoo can be found in both **(the)** Eastern and Western hemispheres. It grows **(best)** in warm, tropical climates. Some types **(of)** bamboo can live in colder climates **(such)** as in Japan. They also grow **(in)** parts of North and South America. **(A)** smaller type of bamboo, canebrakes, grows **(in)** the southern United States swamplands.

The **(stem)** of the bamboo plant is the **(most)** useful part. Bamboo stems are hollow, **(smooth)**, and very light in weight. They **(are)** sawed into parts and used as **(building)** materials. The hollowness of the bamboo **(stem)** is useful for making water drainpipes. **(Bamboo)** is also used to make wind **(instruments)**, baskets, and containers. Some homes are **(decorated)** with bamboo furniture. Bamboo is also **(used)** to make buckets, bridges, fishing poles, **(and)** even paper. Some people even weave **(mats)** and rugs from bamboo. In some **(parts)** of the world, bamboo seeds and **(new)** stems are used for food. The **(shoots)** of some kinds of bamboo can **(be)** cooked like asparagus spears. They can **(also)** be preserved in sugar or eaten **(pickled)**. Cattle eat the leaves of the **(bamboo)** tree. As a building material, decoration, **(and)** food source, bamboo is truly a **(useful)** plant.



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Bamboo is a useful plant in many places in the world. It is a type of grass (**best, that, and**) can grow to be very tall. (**Tall, Light, Bamboo**) has stems that can reach almost 120 (**japan, feet, hollowness**) tall. This kind of bamboo seems (**more, pickled, sawed**) like a tall tree than a (**grass, the, hemispheres**). Bamoo can be found in both (**the, furniture, this**) Eastern and Western hemispheres. It grows (**best, bamboo, grows**) in warm, tropical climates. Some types (**eastern, swamplands, of**) bamboo can live in colder climates (**such, eaten, asparagus**) as in Japan. They also grow (**tropical, found, in**) parts of North and South America. (**A, Poles, The**) smaller type of bamboo, canebrakes, grows (**colder, many, in**) the southern United States swamplands.

The (**reach, stem, bridges**) of the bamboo plant is the (**truly, weave, most**) useful part. Bamboo stems are hollow, (**containers, smooth, drainpipes**), and very light in weight. They (**part, america, are**) sawed into parts and used as (**in, building, to**) materials. The hollowness of the bamboo (**make, stem, feet**) is useful for making water drainpipes. (**Bamboo, Plant, Wind**) is also used to make wind (**southern, like, instruments**), baskets, and containers. Some homes are (**be, smooth, decorated**) with bamboo furniture. Bamboo is also (**used, cooked, into**) to make buckets, bridges, fishing poles, (**and, stems, almost**) even paper. Some people even weave (**is, mats, fishing**) and rugs from bamboo. In some (**parts, both, food**) of the world, bamboo seeds and (**new, kinds, seeds**) stems are used for food. The (**shoots, also, in**) of some kinds of bamboo can (**seems, be, north**) cooked like asparagus spears. They can (**also, such, paper**) be preserved in sugar or eaten (**shoots, even, pickled**) . Cattle eat the leaves of the (**materials, spears, bamboo**) tree. As a building material, decoration, (**and, decoration, hollow**) food source, bamboo is truly a (**useful, from, bamoo**) plant.