PUMPKINS

Pumpkins grow from pumpkin seeds. Pumpkin sprouts grow from the seeds. Leafy vines grow from the sprouts. Yellow-orange flowers grow on the vines. Tiny green pumpkins grow after the flowers wither. The pumpkins grow larger and change colors.

Pumpkins are our largest fruit. Each pumpkin has about 500 seeds.

Pumpkins are used for decorations or jack-o'-lanterns. They are used to make pies, pudding, breads and other food. Pumpkin seeds can be roasted for a snack. Pumpkins are also used to feed farm animals.

1. Label the stages of a pumpkin's growth using the information above. Underline each word as you find it. The first one is done for you.

   1. ______________________   2. ______________________
   3. ______________________   4. ______________________
   5. ______________________   6. ______________________

2. Why do you think pumpkins are useful? __________________________
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** Color the black and white picture.
** Highlight the "star" words in the writing.