

The Hopi are a Native American people of the Southwest who have maintained many of their traditional ways. Corn is one of the most important elements of Hopi culture. It has been a staple of the Hopi diet for centuries. It is also used as a symbol in their ceremonies.

Hopi farmers are skilled in producing successful crops of corn, even in desertlike conditions. They plant seeds deep in the ground where moisture remains hidden from the sun. They also plant corn in clumps, which offers the plants protection from wind. Farmers plant in areas that naturally receive runoff from rain. This also helps the plants grow in harsh, dry conditions.

Corn plays an important role in Hopi weddings. The bride and her friends and family must grind huge amounts of cornmeal—sometimes nearly one thousand pounds! They make a variety of dishes using the corn and offer the food to the groom's family. In turn, the groom's family gives the bride the wedding clothing they have made for her.

- 1** The Hopi have traditionally lived in the
 - a West.
 - b South.
 - c Northwest.
 - d Southwest.
- 2** One of the most important elements of Hopi culture is
 - a desertlike conditions.
 - b corn.
 - c cacti.
 - d rain.
- 3** Hopi farmers have developed special methods for
 - a growing crops in harsh conditions.
 - b having beautiful ceremonies.
 - c increasing the amount of rainfall in the Southwest.
 - d selling corn and corn products.
- 4** Which of the following statements is true?
 - a Most Hopi traditions have been forgotten long ago.
 - b Many Hopi traditions are still being followed today.
 - c The traditional Hopi way of life does not differ much from modern American life.
 - d Both b and c
- 5** Corn that is planted in clumps
 - a is used only for weddings.
 - b will produce large, flavorful ears.
 - c grows more quickly.
 - d receives some protection from the wind.
- 6** A bride and her family and friends must grind as much as
 - a 10 pounds of corn.
 - b 100 ears of corn.
 - c 1,000 pounds of corn.
 - d 1,000 ears of corn.
- 7** Planting crops in areas that receive runoff from rain means that farmers
 - a can plant only corn crops.
 - b must plant the seeds even deeper.
 - c do not have to water the crops as often.
 - d must water the crops more often.
- 8** It is a Hopi tradition for the groom's family to give the bride
 - a wedding clothing.
 - b cornmeal.
 - c corn crops.
 - d food prepared with corn.

1 d

2 b

3 a

4 b

5 d

6 c

7 c

8 a