

LEARNING TOGETHER #3

Vocabulary



- A.** Why do you think National City is called National City? Where did the name come from? Jot down your ideas. Check with friends and family and see if anyone knows the answer.

Don't look until you have guessed, then check out the answer at the bottom of the page.

- B.** Where do science words come from? Many languages began with the Latin language and then changed over time as people moved apart. And since English and Spanish both have roots in Latin sometimes the words are similar. There are a lot of scientific terms, but fortunately many of them will give you clues as to their meaning.

1. What does a carnivore eat? Think of the Spanish term “carne” – what does that mean?
Right – carnivores eat meat!
2. Some words are very similar in English and Spanish, but may be pronounced differently. Examples:
 - i. atmosphere – atmósfera
 - ii. climate – clima
 - iii. ecology – ecología
 - iv. energy – energía
 - v. geology – geología
 - vi. hydrosphere – hidrosfera
3. There are some examples where words may sound the same, but mean something very different, so always consider if the word makes sense based on how it was used in a sentence.

The answer to question A above: The area that is now National City was named after the name of the ranch that occupied this area when it was still part of Mexico. The area was then called Rancho de la Nación, which meant National Ranch. When the Kimball brothers purchased the ranch in 1868 they kept the National name.