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**Tenderfoot Requirement 4b**

**"Describe common poisonous or hazardous plants; identify any that grow in your local area or campsite location. Tell how to treat for exposure to them."  
 (Handbook page 191)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

1. The three plants that can give you skin poisoning are:  
*(choose 3)*
- \_\_\_ Poison hemlock
  - \_\_\_ Poison nightshade
  - \_\_\_ Poison ivy
  - \_\_\_ Poison oak
  - \_\_\_ Poison sumac
  - \_\_\_ Poison mushroom

2. Where is the poison contained?  
*(choose 1)*
- \_\_\_ The shiny stuff on the leaves
  - \_\_\_ The coating on the thorns
  - \_\_\_ Oily sap throughout the plant

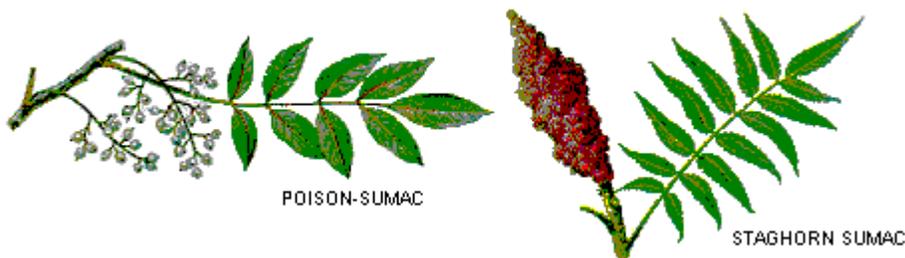
3. In the spring and summer, what color are poison ivy leaves?  
*(2 answers are correct)*



- \_\_\_ Shiny green
- \_\_\_ Shiny green with a reddish tinge
- \_\_\_ Dull green
- \_\_\_ Mostly red with some green

4. Which of these poems applies to poison ivy?  
*(choose 1)*
- \_\_\_ "Leaflets three, let it be", because poison ivy always has 3 shiny green leaves.
  - \_\_\_ "Five leaves mean an ocean of Calamine lotion", because poison ivy looks just like the 5-leaf Virginia creeper.

5. If you get poison on you, how much time do you have to wash it off before it binds to the skin?  
(choose 1)  
 20 minutes  
 1 day  
 Forget it -- it's instantaneous
6. What can you wash the poison off with?  
(choose 1)  
 Calamine lotion  
 Soap and water (or water if no soap is around)  
 Turpentine
7. What can you use to stop the itching?  
(choose 1)  
 Calamine lotion  
 Soap and water (or water if no soap is around)  
 Turpentine
8. According to Webster's dictionary, the correct pronunciation of "poison sumac" is:  
(choose 1)  
 Poison "soo-mack"  
 Poison "shoo-mack"  
 Either of the above is OK. Look at how we pronounce "sugar" and "sure".
9. It is difficult to tell poison sumac from its harmless cousin, staghorn sumac. One way to tell is by looking at their seed clusters (drupes) at the appropriate time of year. Which is true?  
(choose 1)  
 Poison drupes are white and hang, staghorn drupes are brown and grow upwards  
 Poison sumac drupes are a sickly green  
 Poison sumac drupes are a bright red



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