Santa Clara County
Division of Agriculture

This is Hendrix.
He is Santa Clara County’s parcel inspection dog.
We adopted Hendrix from an animal shelter.
What do you smell inside that box, Hendrix? I can’t smell through boxes as well as you.

We trained Hendrix to sniff and find fruit inside boxes.
Fruit mailed in boxes can have insects like these hiding on the plants or inside of the fruit.
Bugs can harm crops and make fruits brown, soft, and yucky. Adult bugs can make trees sick. These baby flies are eating the inside of the fruit.
Hendrix smells something!
He scratches the box to let us know.
Good job Hendrix! The fruit has bugs on them that we don’t want in California.

Good dog! Hendrix has found fruit still on the branches. He smelled them from inside a box someone mailed.
Help Hendrix get his treat by sniffing out the box of fruit. Watch out for bad bugs!

Hendrix’s Maze

Which two beetles are exactly alike?

Help Hawkeye get his treat by sniffing out the box of fruit. Watch out for bad bugs!

Hawkeye’s Maze

Which two beetles are exactly alike?

These caterpillars are hiding in the leaves of a plant someone mailed. How many can you find?

Write the number here: ______________

Use the code to name the parts of an insect’s body.
Why does Hawkeye sniff packages?

C I N V A A S T I V E I O H N W S E S C 
P A T S V A C B U G S G ... MAIL PEST SMELL 
BUGS COUNTY GUAVA MANGO PLANT SNIFF 
CALIFORNIA DISEASE HAWKEYE MOTH SANTA.CLARA SOIL 
      WEEDS

Why does Hendrix sniff packages?

ADOPT 
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CANINE 
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CITRUS 
COUNTY 
CURRY 
DISEASE 
DOG 
FLY 
FRUIT 
GUAVA 
HENDRIX 
INSECT 
MANGO 
MOTH 
MAIL 
PACKAGE 
PEACH 
PEST 
PLANT 
SANTA.CLARA 
SCRATCHES 
SEEDS 
SMELL 
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After finding all the words in the word search, use the leftover letters to fill in the message below:

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Answer Key: 

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California Agriculture

California is the top agricultural producer in the United States. Our State produces over 400 different commodities, which account for about half of the US grown fruit, nuts, and vegetables, many of which are only grown in California. Some of the fruits and vegetables you may have eaten today, either fresh or in a processed product, likely originated from California.

California Quarantines

Exotic pests pose a threat to agriculture in both Santa Clara County and across California. On average, a new pest is introduced into California every 60 days. Each year, these insects and diseases cost our state’s agricultural industry approximately $3 billion in control costs, crop losses, and in export losses due to restrictions.

Please Help Keep California Pest Free!

Santa Clara County’s Quarantine Exclusion Program

Santa Clara County has a detector dog team inspecting packages at parcel delivery facilities. Many packages of agricultural products are sent in unmarked packages and the only way we know they contain agricultural products is to employ a powerful nose. Our detector canine, Hendrix, is a tan hound/lab mix. Hendrix is trained to inspect parcels and to detect the presence of agricultural products. Hendrix will scratch at parcels to alert our dog-handler the package contains agricultural products. The package is then inspected by a biologist to determine if the agricultural products are allowed into California.

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To see more teacher resources and read more about Hendrix and our detection program, visit Santa Clara County Division of Agriculture’s website:
http://www.sccagriculture.org