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### The Largest Rose Garden

Did you know that the rose is the national flower of the United States? There are entire gardens dedicated to this one flower, the largest garden being the American Rose Society Garden, located just west of Shreveport, Louisiana. This garden is amazing! It has over 118 acres of roses, which includes over 20,000 rose bushes with nearly 400 varieties of roses. That's a lot of roses!

There are different types of roses. Floribunda, climber, and hybrid tea are just a few. Each type of rose is unique. The floribunda produces flower clusters of 3-15 roses, while the hybrid tea has only one flower per stem. The climber grows along supporting structures such as fences or walls, so it is often used to dress up gardens.

When you think of roses, you're probably reminded of the poem that begins "Roses are red, violets are blue." However, roses come in many different colors. Did you know that each color means something different? For example, a yellow rose is a sign of friendship, and a red rose represents love. Likewise, the white rose is a symbol of purity. And now that you've finished another PASS unit and read this entire destination, you deserve the pinkish-orange rose in the picture. This color means "I'm proud of you!"

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