

STEP BY STEP PROJECTS

How to Grow a GARDEN



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Gardening for Goodness Sake

Almost nothing on Earth is better than a garden. Gardens are a pleasure to see, smell, hear and taste.

Gardening even feels good because you can dig in the dirt with your fingers! What could be better than that?



Gathering Your Garden Supplies

Seeds, **soil**, water and sunlight are all you need to plant a garden.



You may also want a watering can, small shovel and gloves. These tools will make your work easier.



Make Your Garden Grow

What seeds will you plant? You may choose to grow flowers, herbs or vegetables.

The gardener gives seeds life by planting them in the dirt, where water and sunlight work their magic.



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Pick out a sunny place for your garden. Read the seed **packet** to see how much sunlight your seeds will need to grow.

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You can't grow a garden without dirt!
Dig some dirt from the ground or buy it
at the store.



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Dig a hole in the dirt. Place the seeds in
the hole a few inches away from each
other. Cover them with the soil.



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Your seeds need water. Fill a watering can and sprinkle water evenly on your garden. Give your seeds a little water every day.

Keep your soil **moist**, but not too wet. If your garden is in a container, make sure extra water can drip through tiny holes in the bottom.



Next comes the Sun. The Sun gives light and warmth to all living things, including seeds and plants in a garden.



Give your seeds time to grow. With water, soil and sunlight, they will soon **sprout**.



When green leaves start to poke through the soil, you know your garden is growing.

A Little Work, Lots of Wonder

Keep watering your garden. Pull out any plants that you did not put in the garden. These are **weeds**. They take up space in your garden and can hurt your plants.



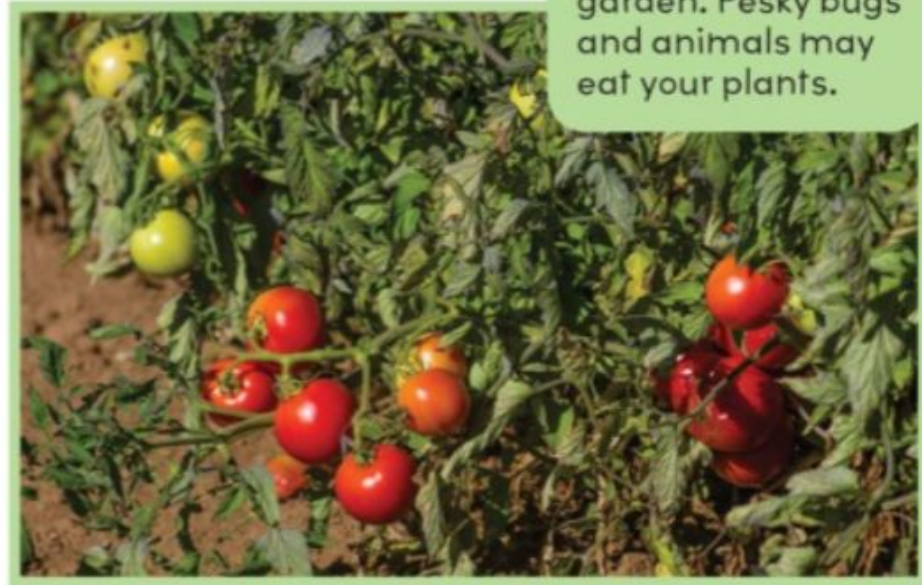
If weeds are not removed, they may take over your garden and not allow your seeds to grow.

Take a look at your beautiful garden! A garden full of flowers is bright and colourful. Bees and butterflies may stop to visit your flowers.



A garden full of herbs and vegetables is lush and green. Peppers and tomatoes grow **ripe** for picking.

Not all visitors are welcome in your garden. Pesky bugs and animals may eat your plants.



With nothing but seeds, dirt, water and sunlight, a garden grows. What was once an empty space is now alive.

The garden is a gift to all who see it, smell it or smile at it.

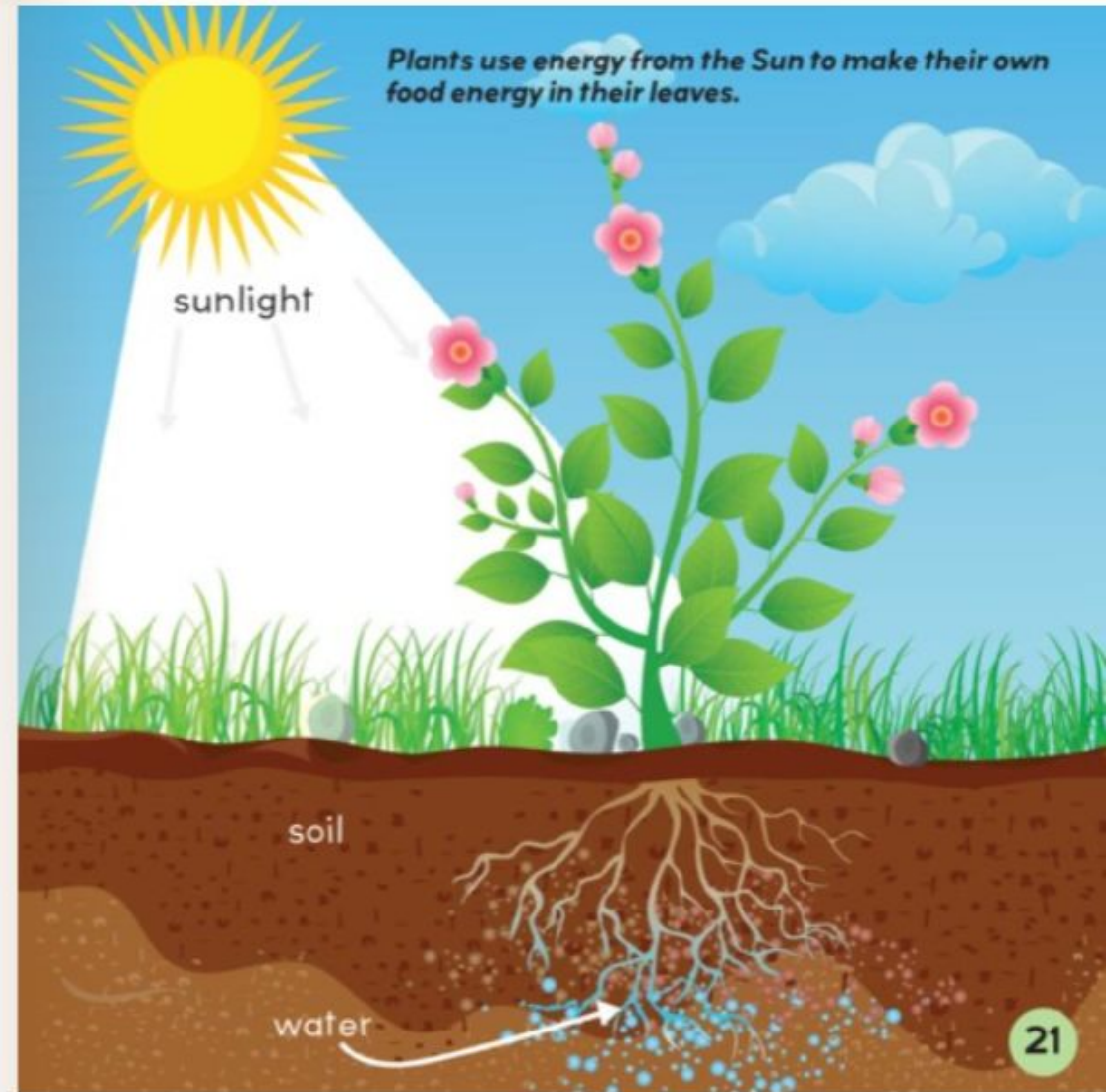


Photo Glossary



moist: Slightly wet.



packet: Paper envelope full of seeds.



ripe: Full grown and ready to be eaten.



soil: Dirt that can be used to plant things.



sprout: To begin to grow.



weeds: Unwanted plants in a garden.