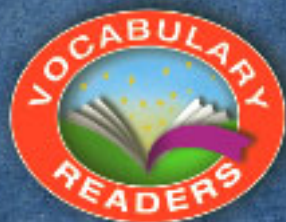


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Let's plant a garden!

First you will need supplies.

You need **shovels**, seeds, and a hose.



🔊 You can also buy plants.
Some plants have a **scent**
that keeps bugs away.
You can buy those too!



Next, you need to get the soil ready for planting. You will need to dig with your shovel. It's hard work digging out tough roots and rocks. Use your muscles!



🔊 Now it is time to plant your seeds.

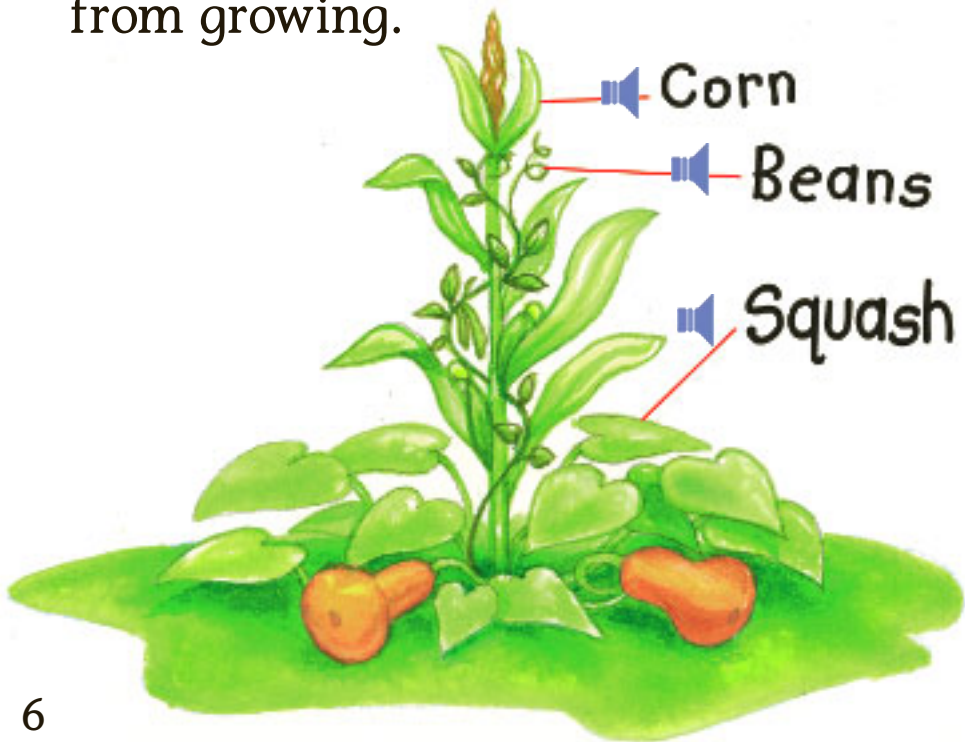
What will you plant?

Corn, beans, and squash are
three plants that help
each other grow.

Sometimes they are called the
three sisters.



▶ Corn is a plant that grows tall.
Beans need to climb up something tall.
So the bean plants climb up the corn stalks.
Squash plants grow big leaves.
The big leaves make shade.
The shade stops weeds from growing.



- ▶ You plant the three sisters in hills. First, you make a small hill of soil. Then you push some corn seeds into the hill. Next, you plant bean seeds in a circle around the corn hill. Then you plant squash seeds in a circle around the bean circle.

▶ Planting a Three Sisters Garden



At first, your garden might look **plain**, but just wait until it starts to grow!

You will need to water it every day.

Very soon you will see **wrinkled** leaves growing.

Then your plants will begin **blooming**.

And next vegetables will begin to grow!



🔊 It is fun to pick vegetables from your own garden.

Soon you will have baskets full of vegetables.

The three sisters help each other grow.



🔊 The three sisters taste great together, too!

You can make a Three Sisters Stew with your family.

“Do you want a second helping?” they will ask.

You will give a big **nod** yes!



Three Sisters Stew



2 cups corn
2 cups beans
2 cups butternut squash
5 cups water
2 tablespoons melted
butter
2 tablespoons flour
pepper, sage, thyme

Responding



TARGET VOCABULARY

Word Builder

Many words have words that mean the opposite. Fancy is the opposite of **plain**. Copy the chart and add more words.

Word	Opposite
plain	fancy
tough	soft
wrinkled	?
big	?



Write About It

Text to Self There are many kinds of gardens. Write a few sentences describing a garden you would like to plant. Would it be vegetables or flowers? Plain or fancy? Use words from the Word Builder.



TARGET VOCABULARY

blooming
muscles
nodded
plain

scent
shovels
tough
wrinkled



TARGET STRATEGY

Analyze/Evaluate Tell

how you feel about the text, and why.



A blooming flower often has
a nice _____.

Level: J

DRA: 18

Science

Strategy:

Analyze/Evaluate

Word Count: 313

2.2.7 Build Vocabulary

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