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From Tiny Seed to Big Pumpkin

Circle group

A pumpkin starts as a seed. We plant the seed in the spring. The sun warms the soil. Rain gives the seed a drink.

A green sprout comes up. Long vines grow on the ground. Yellow flowers open on the vines.

A small green pumpkin grows. It gets big. In the fall, it is orange. It is ready to pick.

Questions

1. What does a pumpkin start as?

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2. When do we plant the seed?

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3. What grows on the vines?

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4. What color is the small pumpkin?

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5. Why does the seed need rain?

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Words to know

seed: a small thing that can grow into a plant
sprout: a new green plant that just came up
vine: a long plant stem that grows along the ground
soil: the dirt that plants grow in

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

Every pumpkin starts out as a flat seed. In the spring, we tuck the seed into the soil. The sun warms the soil. Rain gives the seed a drink. Then we wait.

A small green sprout pushes up. It grows long green vines that crawl over the dirt. Big yellow flowers open up on them.

When a flower falls off, a little green pumpkin begins to grow. All summer, it gets bigger and bigger. In the fall, the pumpkin turns orange. Now it is ready to pick, and we can carry it home to make a jack-o-lantern or a pie.

Questions

1. What does a pumpkin start as?

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2. When do we plant the seed?

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3. What grows on the vines?

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4. What color is the pumpkin at first?

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5. Why does the seed need rain?

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Square group

A pumpkin begins its life as a flat seed. Farmers and gardeners plant the seed in the soil in the spring. The sun warms the ground, and the rain gives the seed the water it needs.

Soon a small green sprout pushes up through the soil. The plant grows long vines that spread across the ground. Big yellow flowers open on the vines.

When a flower falls off, a little green pumpkin starts to grow in its place. It gets bigger and bigger all summer. In the fall, it turns orange, and then it is ready to pick.

Questions

1. What does a pumpkin begin its life as?

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2. When do people plant the seed?

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3. What opens on the long vines?

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4. What color is the pumpkin when it first starts to grow?

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5. Why does the seed need both sun and rain?

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For the teacher: From Tiny Seed to Big Pumpkin

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: From Tiny Seed to Big Pumpkin

Easier · 60 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. A seed.
2. In the spring.
3. Yellow flowers.
4. Green.
5. Rain gives it water so it can grow.

Triangle: From Tiny Seed to Big Pumpkin

This passage · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. A flat seed.
2. In the spring.
3. Big yellow flowers.
4. Green.
5. Rain gives the seed water to drink so it can grow.

Square: From Tiny Seed to Big Pumpkin

Harder · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.7

1. A flat seed.
2. In the spring.
3. Big yellow flowers.
4. Green.
5. The sun warms the soil and the rain gives the seed water, and both help it grow.