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Plant a Pot of Basil

Circle group

You can grow basil in a pot. Basil is an herb. Its leaves smell good. Cooks use them in food.

Here is how. First, fill a pot with soil. Next, press seeds into the top. Then add a little water. Last, put the pot by a sunny window.

Check the soil each day. If it is dry, add water. Soon you will have green leaves.

Questions

1. What do you put in the pot first?

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2. Where do you put the pot?

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3. What do cooks use basil for?

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4. When do you add water?

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5. Why does the pot go in the sun?

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Words to know

basil: a plant with leaves that smell good
herb: a small plant used to add taste to food
window: a glass opening in a wall that lets in light
dry: with no water in it

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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Plant a Pot of Basil

Triangle group

You can grow basil in a pot. Basil is an herb. Its leaves smell good, and cooks use them to add taste to food.

Here is how to do it. First, fill a pot with soil. Next, press a few basil seeds into the top. Then add a little water. Last, put the pot by a sunny window.

Check the soil each day. If it feels dry, add a little water. Do not add too much. In a few weeks, you will have green leaves to smell and to eat.

Questions

1. What do you fill the pot with first?

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2. Where do you put the pot?

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3. What do cooks use basil leaves for?

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4. When should you add water?

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5. Why does the pot need to be in a sunny place?

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Square group

You can grow your own basil in a pot. Basil is an herb with leaves that smell wonderful, and cooks like to use them to add taste to their food.

Here are the steps to follow. First, fill a pot with soil. Next, press a few basil seeds into the top of the soil. Then pour on a little water. Finally, set the pot beside a sunny window.

Be sure to check the soil every day. If it feels dry, add a little more water. After a few weeks, you will have fresh green leaves to smell and to eat.

Questions

1. What do you fill the pot with first?

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2. Where should you set the pot when you finish planting?

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3. Why do cooks like to use basil leaves?

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4. When should you add more water?

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5. Why is it important to put the pot in a sunny place?

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For the teacher: Plant a Pot of Basil

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

Circle: Plant a Pot of Basil

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. Soil.
2. By a sunny window.
3. To put in food.
4. When the soil is dry.
5. Plants need sun to grow.

Triangle: Plant a Pot of Basil

This passage · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Soil.
2. By a sunny window.
3. To add taste to food.
4. When the soil feels dry.
5. Plants need sun to grow.

Square: Plant a Pot of Basil

Harder · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.4

1. Soil.
2. Beside a sunny window.
3. They add taste to food.
4. When the soil feels dry.
5. Plants need sunlight to grow well.