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Potatoes Grow Under the Ground

Circle group

Look at a potato plant. You see green leaves. But the potatoes are hiding. They grow under the ground!

A farmer plants a small piece of potato. A new plant grows up. Under the soil, new potatoes grow on the roots.

The leaves turn yellow. The farmer digs. Out come the potatoes. We can bake them or mash them.

Questions

1. Where do potatoes grow?

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2. What does the farmer plant?

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3. What color are the leaves when the potatoes are ready?

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4. How can we cook potatoes?

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5. Why does the farmer dig?

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Words to know

potato: a round food that grows under the ground
farmer: a person who grows food
mash: to squish food until it is soft

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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Potatoes Grow Under the Ground

Triangle group

Look at a potato plant. You can see green leaves and stems. But the best part is hiding from you. The potatoes grow under the ground!

A farmer plants a small piece of potato in the soil. A new plant grows up from it. Under the soil, new potatoes grow on the plant's roots.

When the leaves turn yellow, the farmer digs in the dirt. Out come the potatoes, a whole pile of them. We can bake them, mash them, or cut them up and fry them.

Questions

1. Where do potatoes grow?

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2. What does a farmer plant to grow new potatoes?

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3. What color are the leaves when the potatoes are ready?

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4. How can we cook potatoes?

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5. Why does the farmer dig in the dirt?

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Words to know

potato: a round food that grows under the ground
farmer: a person who grows food
stem: the long part that holds up a plant
mash: to squish food until it is soft

Talk together (every group has these)

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Potatoes Grow Under the Ground

Square group

Take a look at a potato plant. Above the ground, you can see green leaves and stems. However, the best part of the plant is hidden from view, because the potatoes grow under the ground!

A farmer plants a small piece of a potato in the soil, and a new plant grows up from it. Beneath the soil, new potatoes begin to grow on the plant's roots.

When the leaves turn yellow, the farmer digs in the dirt, and out come the potatoes. People can bake them, mash them, or cut them into pieces and fry them.

Questions

1. Where do potatoes grow?

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2. What does a farmer plant to grow new potatoes?

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3. What color are the leaves when the potatoes are ready to dig?

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4. What are some ways to cook potatoes?

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5. Why does the farmer have to dig in the dirt to get the potatoes?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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For the teacher: Potatoes Grow Under the Ground

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

Circle: Potatoes Grow Under the Ground

Easier · 59 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. Under the ground.
2. A small piece of potato.
3. Yellow.
4. We can bake them or mash them.
5. The potatoes are under the ground.

Triangle: Potatoes Grow Under the Ground

This passage · 87 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. Under the ground.
2. A small piece of potato.
3. Yellow.
4. We can bake them, mash them, or fry them.
5. The potatoes are under the ground, so the farmer digs to find them.

Square: Potatoes Grow Under the Ground

Harder · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.7

1. Under the ground.
2. A small piece of a potato.
3. Yellow.
4. People can bake them, mash them, or fry them.
5. The potatoes grow under the ground, so the farmer has to dig to find them.