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Pumpkins Grow on Vines

Circle group

A pumpkin starts as a seed. A farmer plants the seed in the warm ground in spring.

The seed grows. It becomes a long vine. The vine crawls on the ground. Big yellow flowers open on it.

The flowers fade. Small green pumpkins come. They grow bigger each week. They need sun and water.

In the fall, the pumpkins turn orange. They are ready to pick. Some are very heavy.

Questions

1. What does a pumpkin start as?

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2. When does the farmer plant the seed?

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3. What does the seed grow into?

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4. What do small pumpkins need?

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5. What color are pumpkins when ready to pick?

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6. Why does a farmer pick pumpkins in the fall?

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Words to know

vine: a long plant stem that crawls along the ground
farmer: a person who grows food on a farm
plant: to put a seed in the ground so it can grow
fade: to lose color and wither away

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Triangle group

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After the flowers fade, small green pumpkins appear. They grow bigger each week. They need sun and water.

In the fall, the pumpkins turn orange. Now they are ready to pick. Some pumpkins are very heavy.

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4. What do small pumpkins need to grow?

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5. What color are pumpkins when they are ready to pick?

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6. Why do you think a farmer picks pumpkins in the fall and not in spring?

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Square group

Every pumpkin begins as a tiny seed. In spring, a farmer plants the seed in the warm ground.

The seed grows into a long vine that crawls across the soil. Big yellow flowers open up on the vine.

After the flowers fade, small green pumpkins appear. They grow bigger with each passing week, and they need plenty of sun and water.

By the fall, the pumpkins have turned bright orange, and they are ready to be picked. Some pumpkins are extremely heavy.

Questions

1. How does every pumpkin begin?

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2. When does the farmer plant the seed?

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3. What does the seed grow into?

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4. What do the growing pumpkins need?

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5. What color are the pumpkins when they are ready to be picked?

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For the teacher: Pumpkins Grow on Vines

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

Circle: Pumpkins Grow on Vines

Easier · 70 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

1. A seed.
2. In spring.
3. A long vine.
4. Sun and water.
5. Orange.
6. They need many months to grow.

Triangle: Pumpkins Grow on Vines

This passage · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

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2. In spring.
3. A long vine.
4. Sun and water.
5. Orange.
6. The pumpkins need many months to grow, so they are not ready until fall.

Square: Pumpkins Grow on Vines

Harder · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.1

1. As a tiny seed.
2. In spring.
3. A long vine that crawls across the soil.
4. Plenty of sun and water.
5. Bright orange.
6. The pumpkins need many months to grow, so they are not ready until fall.