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Garlic Hides in Winter Dirt

Circle group

Most gardeners plant seeds in spring. Garlic is different. Gardeners plant it in the fall.

A garlic bulb has small parts called cloves. The gardener breaks the bulb apart. Each clove goes in the soil with the pointy end up. Then it is covered with dirt.

Over the winter, roots grow under the ground. In spring, green shoots grow tall.

In summer, the leaves turn brown. Now the garlic is almost ready. The gardener lifts the bulbs out of the dirt.

Questions

1. When do gardeners plant garlic?

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2. What are the small parts of a garlic bulb called?

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3. Which end of the clove points up?

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4. What grows under the ground in winter?

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5. How does the gardener know the garlic is almost ready?

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Words to know

bulb: a round plant part that grows under the ground
cloves: the small parts that make up a garlic bulb
shoot: the new green part of a plant that grows up
gardener: a person who grows plants

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

Most gardeners plant seeds in spring. Garlic is different. Gardeners plant it in the fall, just before the ground gets cold.

A garlic bulb is made of small parts called cloves. To plant garlic, a gardener breaks the bulb apart. Each clove is pushed into the soil with the pointy end up. It is covered with dirt.

Over the winter, roots grow under the ground. A green shoot may poke up before the snow. In spring, the shoots grow tall and green.

In summer, the leaves start to turn brown. That tells the gardener the garlic is almost ready. The gardener lifts the bulbs out of the dirt.

Questions

1. When do gardeners plant garlic?

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2. What are the small parts of a garlic bulb called?

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3. Which end of the clove points up when it is planted?

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4. What grows under the ground over the winter?

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5. How does the gardener know the garlic is almost ready?

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Words to know

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Square group

Most gardeners plant their seeds in the spring, but garlic is different. Gardeners plant it in the fall, just before the ground turns cold.

A garlic bulb is made of small sections called cloves. To plant garlic, a gardener breaks the bulb apart and pushes each clove into the soil with its pointy end facing up. Then the clove is covered with dirt.

Throughout the winter, roots grow beneath the ground, and a green shoot may even poke up before the first snow. In the spring, the shoots grow tall and green.

By summer, the leaves begin to turn brown, which tells the gardener that the garlic is nearly ready. The gardener then lifts the bulbs out of the dirt.

Questions

1. When do gardeners plant garlic?

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2. What are the small sections of a garlic bulb called?

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3. Which end of the clove faces up when it is planted?

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4. What grows beneath the ground throughout the winter?

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5. What tells the gardener that the garlic is nearly ready?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Garlic Hides in Winter Dirt

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

Circle: Garlic Hides in Winter Dirt

Easier · 81 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. In the fall.
2. Cloves.
3. The pointy end.
4. Roots.
5. The leaves turn brown.

Triangle: Garlic Hides in Winter Dirt

This passage · 108 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. In the fall, just before the ground gets cold.
2. Cloves.
3. The pointy end.
4. Roots.
5. The leaves start to turn brown.

Square: Garlic Hides in Winter Dirt

Harder · 120 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.7

1. In the fall, just before the ground turns cold.
2. Cloves.
3. The pointy end.
4. Roots.
5. The leaves begin to turn brown.