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The Peanut Plant Digs In

Circle group

Here is a surprise. Peanuts do not grow on trees. Peanuts grow under the ground!

A peanut plant is small. It has yellow flowers. When a flower fades, a thin stem grows out. The stem bends down. It goes into the soil.

Under the dirt, the tip of the stem gets big. It makes a shell. The peanuts are inside the shell. A peanut is a seed, like a pea or a bean.

When the peanuts are ready, farmers pull up the plant.

Questions

1. Where do peanuts grow?

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2. What color are the flowers on a peanut plant?

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3. What does the thin stem do after the flower fades?

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4. What do farmers pull up when the peanuts are ready?

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5. Why is it hard to see a peanut grow?

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Words to know

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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The Peanut Plant Digs In

Triangle group

Here is a surprise. Peanuts do not grow on trees. They do not even grow in the air. Peanuts grow under the ground!

A peanut plant is small and bushy. It has yellow flowers. After a flower fades, a thin stem grows from it. The stem bends down and pushes into the soil.

Underneath the dirt, the tip of the stem swells up. It grows into a shell, and inside the shell are the peanuts. Peanuts are seeds, like peas and beans.

When the peanuts are ready, farmers pull up the whole plant. The shells hang from the roots like little tan lanterns.

Questions

1. Where do peanuts grow?

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2. What color are the flowers on a peanut plant?

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3. What does the thin stem do after the flower fades?

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4. What do farmers do when the peanuts are ready?

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5. Why would it be hard to see a peanut growing?

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Words to know

bushy: full of many leaves and short stems
soil: the dirt that plants grow in
swells: gets bigger and rounder
lanterns: lamps with a handle that you can hang up

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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The Peanut Plant Digs In

Square group

Here is a surprising fact. Peanuts do not grow on trees, and they do not even grow up in the air. Peanuts develop underneath the ground!

A peanut plant is small and bushy, with yellow flowers. After each flower fades, a thin stem grows out of it. The stem curves downward and pushes its way into the soil.

Beneath the dirt, the tip of the stem swells and forms a shell, and the peanuts grow inside it. Peanuts are seeds, just like peas and beans.

When the peanuts are ready, farmers pull the whole plant out of the ground. The shells hang from the roots like little tan lanterns.

Questions

1. Where do peanuts develop?

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2. What color are the flowers on a peanut plant?

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3. What does the thin stem do after the flower fades?

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4. What do farmers do when the peanuts are ready?

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5. Why would it be difficult to watch a peanut growing?

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Words to know

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swells: gets bigger and rounder
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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: The Peanut Plant Digs In

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

Circle: The Peanut Plant Digs In

Easier · 83 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Under the ground.
2. Yellow.
3. It bends down and goes into the soil.
4. The whole plant.
5. It grows under the dirt.

Triangle: The Peanut Plant Digs In

This passage · 103 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. Under the ground.
2. Yellow.
3. It bends down and pushes into the soil.
4. They pull up the whole plant.
5. The peanuts grow under the dirt, where we cannot see them.

Square: The Peanut Plant Digs In

Harder · 109 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. Underneath the ground.
2. Yellow.
3. It curves downward and pushes into the soil.
4. They pull the whole plant out of the ground.
5. The peanuts grow beneath the dirt, where nobody can see them.