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Row Seven Has Too Many Weeds

Circle group

Every Saturday, Mateo's grandfather gave him a job in the garden. This week it was pulling weeds from row seven. Mateo groaned. Row seven was long, and it was full of weeds.

"I will never finish," he said.

Grandpa gave him a small orange bucket. "Do not look at the whole row," he said. "Just fill the bucket."

Mateo knelt and pulled. Some weeds came out easy. Some had long roots. When the bucket was full, he looked up. A big patch of soil was clear. The little carrot tops had room.

He filled the bucket again. And again. His hands were muddy.

By lunch, row seven was done. Mateo felt proud.

Questions

1. What was Mateo's chore?

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2. What did Grandpa give Mateo?

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3. What did Grandpa say to do?

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4. What was growing in the row?

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5. Why did the bucket idea help?

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6. Why did Mateo feel proud?

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Words to know

weeds: wild plants that grow where you do not want them
groaned: made a low sound because you did not want to do something
roots: the parts of a plant that grow under the ground
patch: a small area of ground

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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Row Seven Has Too Many Weeds

Triangle group

Every Saturday, Mateo's grandfather gave him a job in the family vegetable garden. This week it was pulling weeds from row seven. Mateo groaned. Row seven was the longest row, and it was full of tough green weeds.

"I will never finish," he said.

Grandpa handed him a small orange bucket. "Do not look at the whole row," he said. "Just fill the bucket."

Mateo knelt down and pulled. Some weeds came out easily. Others had long roots that fought back. When the bucket was full, he looked up and was surprised. A big patch of dark soil was clear, and the little carrot tops looked happy to have room.

He grabbed the bucket again and filled it a second time. Then a third time. His hands were muddy and his knees were damp, but the end of the row was getting closer.

By lunch, row seven was done. Mateo carried the last bucket to the compost pile and felt very proud.

Questions

1. What was Mateo's chore on Saturday?

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2. What did Grandpa give Mateo?

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3. What did Grandpa tell Mateo to do instead of looking at the whole row?

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4. What vegetables were growing in the row?

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5. Why did the bucket idea help Mateo?

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6. Why do you think Mateo felt proud at the end?

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Words to know

weeds: wild plants that grow where you do not want them
groaned: made a low sound because you did not want to do something
roots: the parts of a plant that grow under the ground
compost: old plant scraps that turn into food for soil
patch: a small area of ground

Talk together (every group has these)

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Row Seven Has Too Many Weeds

Square group

Every Saturday, Mateo's grandfather assigned him a job in the family vegetable garden. This week the job was pulling weeds from row seven, and Mateo groaned out loud. Row seven was the longest row in the garden, and it was crowded with tough, stubborn weeds.

"I will never finish this," he complained.

Grandpa handed him a small orange bucket. "Do not stare at the whole row," he advised. "Just concentrate on filling the bucket."

Mateo knelt down and began to pull. Some weeds slid out easily, while others had long roots that clung to the soil. When the bucket was full, he looked up and was astonished. A wide patch of dark soil was bare, and the little carrot tops seemed delighted to have room to grow.

He emptied the bucket and filled it again, and then a third time. His hands were muddy and his knees were damp, but the end of the row was creeping closer.

By lunchtime, row seven was finished. Mateo carried the last bucket to the compost pile, feeling enormously proud.

Questions

1. What was Mateo's chore on Saturday?

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2. What did Grandpa hand to Mateo?

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3. What did Grandpa advise Mateo to concentrate on?

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4. What kind of vegetable was growing in the row?

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5. Why did the bucket idea help Mateo?

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6. Why do you think Mateo felt so proud at the end?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Row Seven Has Too Many Weeds

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

Circle: Row Seven Has Too Many Weeds

Easier · 112 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. Pulling weeds from row seven.
2. A small orange bucket.
3. Just fill the bucket.
4. Carrots.
5. It made the big job feel smaller.
6. He finished a job he thought he could not finish.

Triangle: Row Seven Has Too Many Weeds

This passage · 162 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. Pulling weeds from row seven.
2. A small orange bucket.
3. Just fill the bucket.
4. Carrots.
5. It made the big job feel smaller, one bucket at a time.
6. He finished a hard job that he thought he could never finish.

Square: Row Seven Has Too Many Weeds

Harder · 176 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.5

1. Pulling weeds from row seven.
2. A small orange bucket.
3. Just filling the bucket.
4. Carrots.
5. It turned a huge job into smaller pieces, one bucket at a time.
6. He finished a hard job that he thought he would never finish.