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The Thirsty Bean Plant

Circle group

Leo planted a bean seed in a cup at school. He put it on the shelf by the window. He checked it each day. Soon a small green shoot came up. Leo felt proud.

Then he got busy with soccer. He forgot his plant. One morning, he saw the leaves hang down. The soil was dry and crumbly.

"Oh no!" said Leo. He ran to the sink. He filled a small cup with water. He poured it slowly on the soil. Then he waited.

By afternoon, the leaves began to lift. Leo felt relieved. He drew a chart. It had a box for each day of the week. Each morning, he made a check mark when he watered the plant.

A week later, the bean plant had two new leaves. Leo smiled. The chart had worked.

Questions

1. Where did Leo plant his bean seed?

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2. Why did Leo forget his plant?

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3. What did Leo see that showed the plant needed help?

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4. What did Leo make so he would not forget?

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5. Why did the leaves lift by afternoon?

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6. What did Leo learn?

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Words to know

shoot: a young stem that has just come up from a seed
crumbly: easily breaking into small bits
relieved: glad that a worry is gone
chart: a table that helps you keep track of things

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 Thirsty Bean Plant

Triangle group

Leo planted a bean seed in a cup at school. He put it on the shelf by the window and checked it every day. Soon a small green shoot popped up, and Leo felt very proud.

Then he got busy with soccer practice and forgot about his plant. One morning, he noticed that the leaves were drooping and the soil was dry and crumbly.

"Oh no!" said Leo. He ran to the sink and filled a small cup with water, and then he poured it slowly onto the soil. After that, he waited.

By afternoon, the leaves had begun to lift, and Leo felt relieved. He drew a chart with a box for each day of the week. Each morning, he made a check mark after he watered the plant.

A week later, the bean plant had two new leaves. Leo smiled, because the chart had worked.

Questions

1. Where did Leo plant his bean seed?

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2. Why did Leo forget about his plant?

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3. What did Leo see when the plant needed help?

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4. What did Leo make so he would not forget again?

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5. Why did the leaves lift in the afternoon?

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6. What did Leo learn?

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Words to know

shoot: a young stem that has just come up from a seed
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The Thirsty Bean Plant

Square group

Leo planted a bean seed in a paper cup at school, set it on the shelf beside the window, and inspected it every single day. Before long, a small green shoot pushed up through the soil, and Leo felt tremendously proud.

Then he became so busy with soccer practice that he completely forgot about his plant. One morning, he noticed that the leaves were drooping and that the soil had turned dry and crumbly.

"Oh no!" said Leo. He rushed to the sink, filled a small cup with water, and poured it gently onto the soil. After that, he waited anxiously.

By the afternoon, the leaves had begun to lift, and Leo felt enormously relieved. He drew a chart with a box for each day of the week, and every morning he made a check mark after he had watered the plant.

A week later, the bean plant had sprouted two new leaves. Leo smiled, because his chart had worked.

Questions

1. Where did Leo plant his bean seed?

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2. Why did Leo forget about his plant?

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3. What did Leo notice when the plant needed help?

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4. What did Leo create so that he would remember to water the plant?

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5. Why did the leaves begin to lift by the afternoon?

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6. What lesson did Leo learn from the experience?

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Words to know

shoot: a young stem that has just come up from a seed
drooping: hanging down
crumbly: easily breaking into small bits
relieved: glad that a worry is gone
chart: a table that helps you keep track of things

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?

For the teacher: The Thirsty Bean Plant

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

Circle: The Thirsty Bean Plant

Easier · 136 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. In a cup at school.
2. He got busy with soccer.
3. The leaves hung down and the soil was dry.
4. A chart with a box for each day.
5. The plant got the water it needed.
6. A plant needs water each day, and a chart can help you remember.

Triangle: The Thirsty Bean Plant

This passage · 147 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.9

1. In a cup at school.
2. He got busy with soccer.
3. The leaves were drooping and the soil was dry.
4. A chart with a box for each day.
5. The plant got the water it needed.
6. A plant needs water every day, and a chart can help you remember.

Square: The Thirsty Bean Plant

Harder · 160 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.4

1. In a paper cup at school.
2. He became busy with soccer practice.
3. The leaves were drooping and the soil was dry and crumbly.
4. A chart with a box for each day of the week.
5. The plant finally received the water it needed.
6. A plant needs water every day, and a chart can help you remember.