

# Reading Comprehension: The School Garden

4th Grade - passage comprehension and inference | 18 minutes

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Read the passage:

The fourth graders at Pine Street School had never grown anything before. In March, their teacher, Ms. Reyes, handed each student a paper cup, a spoonful of soil, and three bean seeds. 'Plants need three things,' she said: 'water, light, and patience.' For two weeks, nothing happened. Some students thought their seeds were broken. Then one Monday, Jamal shouted, 'Mine has a green tip!' Soon tiny stems leaned toward the window. The class learned to turn the cups each day so the plants would grow straight instead of sideways. By May, the strongest plants were moved to a garden bed outside. The students took turns watering it all summer, and in the fall they shared the beans they had grown with the whole school.

## Read the passage. Then answer each question in a complete sentence, using details from the text.

1. What three things did Ms. Reyes say plants need?

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2. Why did some students think their seeds were broken?

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3. Why did the class turn the cups each day?

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4. What is the main idea of the passage?

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5. Put these events in order: plants moved outside, seeds handed out, green tip appears.

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## Challenge

6. Why do you think Ms. Reyes listed 'patience' as something plants need? Use the text to explain.

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