Year 5 reading comprehension: The Dried-Out Garden

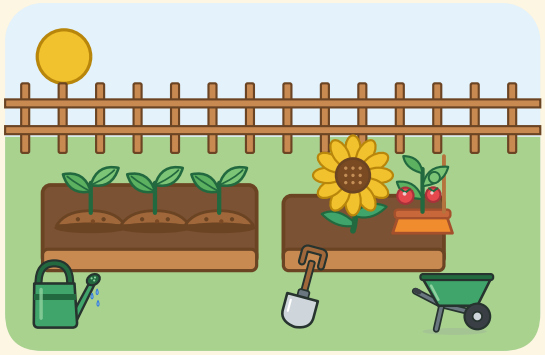
English · Reading comprehension
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 3 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–3.



The Dried-Out Garden

In Term 2, Room 5B planted a vegetable garden beside the oval. Each student chose a seedling, and Mr Ahmed handed out bags of compost. The class planted lettuce, beans and tomatoes in three tidy rows. Mia drew a roster so that two students would water the garden each day. For two weeks, the roster worked well, and the first lettuce leaves were ready to pick. Then the school holidays began, and nobody remembered to ask someone to water the garden. When the class returned, the lettuces were brown and the bean plants had dried out. Only the tomato plants, which had a thick layer of straw around their stems, were still green. Mr Ahmed explained that the straw had held in the moisture. Next term, the class made a holiday roster and spread straw around every plant.

1. How could the dried-out garden have been avoided?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Someone should have been asked to water it in the holidays.

○ **B** Mia should not have drawn the roster.

○ **C** The class should have used a different kind of compost.

○ **D** The lettuce should have been picked on the first day.

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2. Which word from the text fits the gap? “The class planted ___, beans and tomatoes in three rows.”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** lettuce ○ **B** roster ○ **C** straw ○ **D** compost

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3. Match to the right description: Mia.

Circle one answer.

○ **A** She drew a roster for watering the garden.

○ **B** He explained that the straw had held in the moisture.

○ **C** The class spread straw around every plant.

○ **D** He handed out bags of compost.

Answer key

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1. A — Someone should have been asked to water it in the holidays.
The text says: “Then the school holidays began, and nobody remembered to ask someone to water the garden.” The reason must come from the text.

2. A — lettuce
The text says: “The class planted lettuce, beans and tomatoes in three tidy rows.” Read the whole sentence with the word in the gap.

3. A — She drew a roster for watering the garden.
The text says: “Mia drew a roster so that two students would water the garden each day.” Each detail has its own sentence.