



A class project

Instructions: Read the passage below and answer the questions on the next page.

One day, the teacher announced that they would be doing a class project. 'We will be working on it for several months' she said. All the children were very excited. Class projects were fun! What was this going to be about?

'We're going to learn about growing' she said. 'We are going to plant some seeds and watch them grow. Different plants grow differently. Some take a long time to grow. Some grow quickly'.

First, the children made a list of seeds they were going to bring to class. Butter beans, kidney beans, fenugreek, mustard seeds, orange seeds all went up on the list.

The next morning, the children arrived very excited in class. Each child had a little packet of seeds. After morning assembly, the teacher led the class to the garden. The class worked in small groups of five children each.

Each group was given a little pot. They filled soil in it. Next, they took some seeds and put it into the soil and covered it with more dirt. Then, they took some water and watered the soil. The teacher watched them carefully and warned them to not over water.

Then they walked back to class with their pots. In class, the children wrote out little labels with the name of the plant and stuck it to the pot.

They left the pots on the window, where the seeds got enough sunshine to grow. All that the class had to do now was wait.



Questions

1. What was the class project going to be about?

2. What seeds did the children decide that they would bring to class?

3. Why were the children excited when they came to class the next morning?

4. What do you think a plant needs to grow? Find out from this passage.

5. Why did the children label their pots?

6. What did the children have to wait for?



Answers:

- 1) The class project was about 'growing'. The children were going to plant seeds and see how fast they grew.
- 2) The children decided they would bring butter beans, kidney beans, fenugreek, mustard seeds and orange seeds.
- 3) The children were excited because they were going to start working on their class project that day.
- 4) Plants need soil, sunshine and just the right amount of water to grow.
- 5) The children labelled their pots so they could remember what they had planted in which pot and how much time each took to grow.
- 6) The children had to wait for the plants to grow.

Answer key:

Please remember that you need to reward your child's ability to reason and use language creatively. The above are only examples of answers. If your child has constructed an answer that is different to this but that is grammatical and sound in its reasoning, mark it as correct.

