

6 Seeds

Cold-weather **hybrid** broccoli. Bred for superior **seed vigor**. **Seedlings** survive in temperatures down to 37° F.

Germination: Soak seeds in water overnight to remove **hard coats** and end **dormancy**. Place in 70° F soil to **germinate**.

Location: **Sow** in a place that gets full sun.

Sowing method: Use a pen or similar shaped object to prepare holes 0.5 cm deep, 2 cm apart. Drop one **seed** per hole. Cover with soil. Water.

Days to sprout: 7-14

Days to maturity: 58

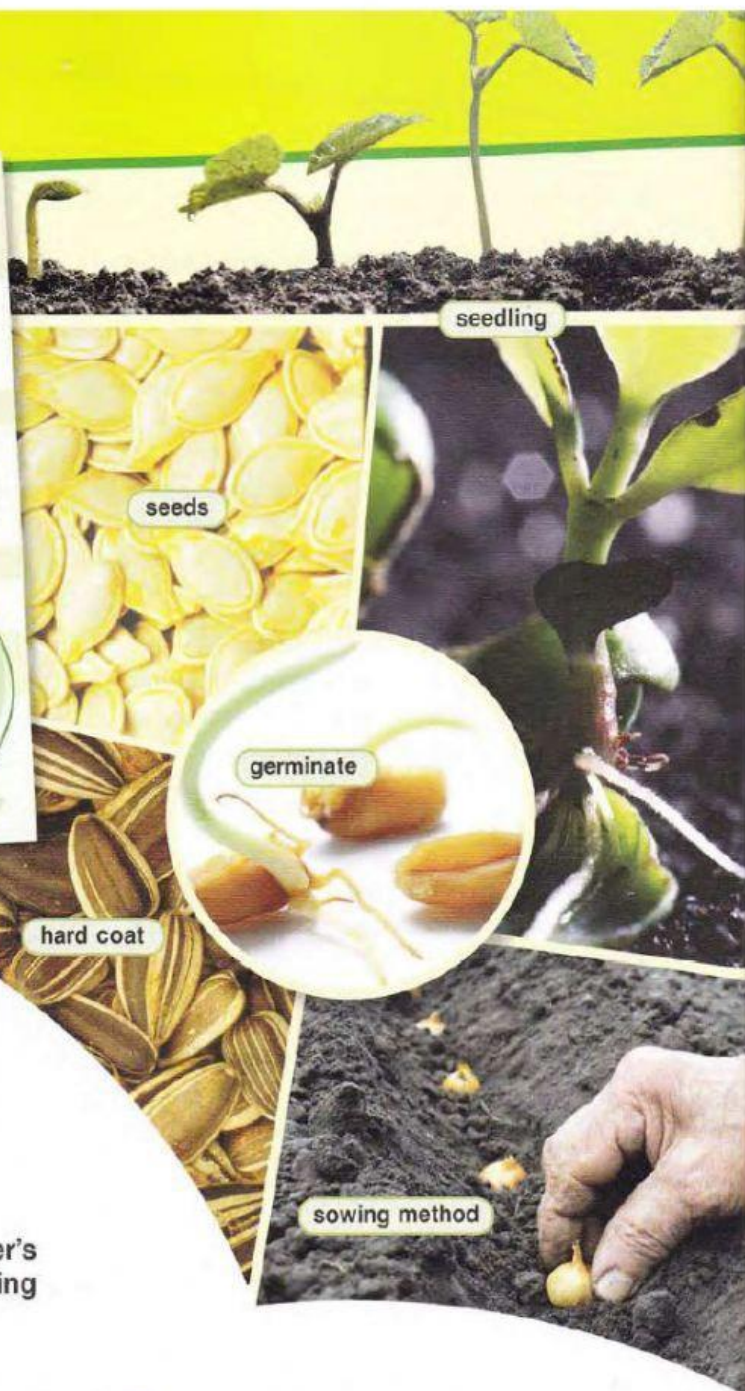
Harvest: Cut buds before they flower.

Price : \$ 0.5 / 100 g. packet*

*Bulk orders of 100 or more receive a discount of 10%

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Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 How do farmers plant seeds?
- 2 What do seeds need to grow?

Reading

2 Read the page from The New Gardener's Seed catalog. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ The seedlings can survive below 37° F.
- 2 ___ The broccoli seeds have hard coats.
- 3 ___ The seeds will sprout within two weeks.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1 ___ hard coat | 4 ___ seed vigor |
| 2 ___ germinate | 5 ___ hybrid |
| 3 ___ seedling | 6 ___ sow |

- A the firm outer layer of a seed
- B to sprout from a seed
- C to plant seeds
- D made by parents of different breeds
- E a young plant
- F the strength and survivability of a seed

4 Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- 1 Farmers plant small objects from which plants grow in the spring.
s _ _ d _
- 2 Each plant has a different number of days until it can be harvested.
d _ _ _ t _ m a _ _ _ _ y
- 3 Some plants require special ways in which seeds are planted.
_ o w _ _ _ m e _ _ _ _
- 4 To plant a large crop, you need a large quantity order of seeds.
b _ _ k
- 5 Some plants produce seeds that pass the winter in an inactive state.
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