



## Growing a plant

Level 1

Do you know how to grow a plant? Practise your reading in English with these instructions.

## Reading practice



### Preparation

Write the word under the pictures.



a sunflower

soil

a pot

a hole

a seed

sunny

a stem

sticks

string

to measure



a sunflower





## Reading text

Read the instructions.



## Grow a sunflower

Growing plants is easy and fun. Try growing sunflowers! They grow very tall and have beautiful yellow flowers.



1. Put some soil in a small pot. Make a hole 2cm deep with your finger.
2. Put one seed in the hole. Put soil over the seed. Put the pot by a sunny window.
3. Water it every one or two days with just a little water.
4. Leaves start to grow after one or two weeks.
5. When your sunflower's about 10cm tall, it's ready to put into a bigger pot.
6. Fill a big pot with soil and make a hole. Carefully take the sunflower out of the small pot and put it in the hole. Fill the hole with soil and water it.
7. As your plant gets taller, put a stick into the soil next to the stem. Tie the stem to the stick with string.
8. You can measure your plant every week to see how much it grows! The flower starts to grow after about eight weeks.
9. After the yellow flower turns brown, wait for the seeds to dry.
10. When the seeds are brown, tap them out. You can eat them as a snack or in a salad. Delicious!





## 1. What's the order?

Put the sentences in order.

|   |                                               |
|---|-----------------------------------------------|
|   | Put the small pot by a sunny window.          |
|   | Wait for the seeds to dry.                    |
| 1 | Put some soil in a small pot.                 |
|   | Put a stick next to the stem.                 |
|   | Eat the seeds.                                |
|   | The flower grows after about eight weeks.     |
|   | Make a hole in the soil and put a seed in it. |
|   | Put the plant into a bigger pot.              |



## 2. True or false?

Circle true or false for these sentences.

|    |                                                         |             |       |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| a. | Growing plants is easy.                                 | <u>true</u> | false |
| b. | Sunflowers are usually purple.                          | true        | false |
| c. | Put the seed in a 10cm deep hole.                       | true        | false |
| d. | Give the plant a little water regularly.                | true        | false |
| e. | Leaves start to grow after one or two weeks.            | true        | false |
| f. | Put your sunflower in a bigger pot when it's 50cm tall. | true        | false |
| g. | The seeds dry before the flower turns brown.            | true        | false |
| h. | You can eat the seeds in a salad.                       | true        | false |



## Write and draw!

Would you like to try growing a plant? Which plant would you like to grow?  
Why? Draw a picture and write about it!



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