



Week 33

English Mastery

Primary 1

The Write Tribe

UNIT 16 - PART B
GARDENING

PART 1

VOCABULARY MCQ

1. What do you water plants with ?

- a. fertilizer
- b. shovel
- c. watering can
- d. rake

2. Which tool do you use to dig a hole in the ground?

- a. rake
- b. shovel
- c. wheelbarrow
- d. hammer

3. What are seeds used for ?

- a. to kill plants
- b. to feed plants so they grow better
- c. to grow new plants

4. What does it mean to have, '**green fingers**'?

- a. to have unwashed hands
- b. to be great at growing plants
- c. to be a bad gardener

5. Which of the below is, '**plant food that helps plants grow better**' ?

- a. soil
- b. seeds
- c. fertilizer



6. I planted seeds in the _____?

- a. fertilizer
- b. soil
- c. watering can

7. What is a rake used for?

- a. to sweep away dried leaves and grass
- b. as a fork to eat a salad
- c. to brush the head of a bush

BONUS QUESTIONS

8. Which idioms below have the same meaning as **if you do something bad, you will get something bad in return?**

- a. you reap what you sow
- b. bury the hatchet

9. Which idioms below means **to stop bad behaviour and become a better person?**

- a. nip it in the bud
- b. turn over a new leaf

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ALL THE ABOVE IDIOMS?

word/phrase	meaning	word/phrase	meaning
pots		green thumb	
prune		topiary	
garden shears		brown thumb	
	weeding		



To cut off unwanted branches from a tree or a bush



To be great at growing plants



Very bad at growing plants

remove unwanted wild plants that cause harm to the garden

pot		
pruning	garden shears	green thumbs
topiary	brown thumbs	weeding

The sunlit clouds drifted across the clear blue sky. The scent of fresh flowers tickled my nose. I was feeling exhilarated as my class and I are out on a school trip to the public park. Our Teacher, Ms. Gretel wants us to learn all about gardening. As the palm trees gently swayed in the wind, we trooped as a single file behind Ms. Gretel to meet the gardener, Mr. Han. Mr. Han was as tall as a tree and wore big black gloves. He takes care of all the plants, shrubs and trees in the park. He has

1. _____ and whatever he grows thrives. We were given a pair of
2. _____ to help cut away dead branches and trim the shrubs.

We immediately got to work and started cutting off dead branches to allow the shrubs to grow new ones in their place. It was like giving a hair cut to a bush. Mr. Han has an incredible talent, he can shape bushes into any kind of shape. He is a specialist in 3. _____ art. "What shape do you want?" Mr. Han asked us. "A monkey! A rabbit! A cat!", everyone was squealing out all kinds of animals. He suddenly turned to me and asked what I wanted. "I'd like an elephant with ginormous ears," I shyly said. Immediately, he got to work, 4. _____ away like an expert. Snip, snip, snip went the shears. Then, he turned around to show his handiwork. My eyes widened with surprise. It was indeed a bush shaped like an elephant with ginormous ears! "Wow!" squealed everyone in delight. I felt proud as a peacock as it was my idea. "Now children, the next task is very important. There



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are some *green villains* growing among us. They are called weeds and they steal the food and water from our garden plants. Therefore, it is important we pull weeds or they will destroy the garden!" Mr. Han announced. Without hesitation, we went on a hunt to find the weeds growing among the plants. For the next hour, we continued 5. _____ until all the green villains disappeared. It was a back-breaking task! Phew! As a reward, Mr. Han gave us each a flower

6. _____ so we can plant anything we wanted and have our own mini garden. By now, I was less shy and asked him for some tips as I was really bad at growing plants. I have 7. _____ With a big smile, Mr. Han advised, "Sunlight, water and fertilizer!"

Happy to receive his pearls of wisdom, I bid him goodbye and we went home. I admired Mr. Han and promised I will become so good at gardening that I too will have green thumbs!