

My mom has a friend who asks me to take care of her plants when she goes on vacation. Most people think this is easy to do, but it is not that simple. In fact, my mom's friend gives me many things to do for each plant. Because she has some plants in each room of her house, it can be difficult.

For example, not all plants need water. In fact, some plants will die if you give them too much water. My mom's friend has some desert plants in her garden. Those plants get watered only once a week. However, some plants need a lot of water. For example, her flowers must have water every day. If the flowers' dirt is not always wet, they may die.

Another thing is that each plant needs different amounts of sunlight. Often it is not easy to tell which plants need more sun than others. For example, the desert plants need a lot of sun. But this does not make sense because these plants do not get much water. Desert plants are weird! Her flowers, on the other hand, need to be out of the sun. Too much sunlight can burn the flowers and leaves of these plants. They can die so easily!

The strangest thing that my neighbor asks me to do is to talk to the plants! I think talking to a plant is weird, but my mom says that it is good for them. She said that scientists did experiments to show that. The scientists reported that if you talk to a plant often, it will grow to be big and live a long life. But if you do not talk to a plant, it will often be small and live a short life.



Time

Circle the right answer.

1. The reading is about:
 - a. watering plants
 - b. how to take care of different plants
 - c. talking to plants
2. The writer says that:
 - a. taking care of plants is not always easy
 - b. his mother often takes care of the neighbor's plants
 - c. he only waters his neighbor's plants
3. According to the writer, which of the following is true?
 - a. All plants need lots of water.
 - b. Some plants need more sunlight than others.
 - c. All plants need lots of sunlight.
4. What does the word "weird" in this sentence mean?
Desert plants are **weird**!
 - a. short
 - b. strange
 - c. strong
5. Which of the following is a way the writer mentioned to help all plants grow?
 - a. By giving them special food
 - b. By talking to them
 - c. By giving them extra water

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