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What's Best for the Neighbors?

All the neighbors must decide what to plant in the neighborhood garden. Read the dialogue. Then answer the questions on the next page.

Mrs. Rhonda: Let's grow tomatoes again. They can be canned, and we can freeze tomato sauce.

Luis: Sure, and everyone likes pizza sauce. I vote for potatoes as well. If we store them in a cool place, we can use them all winter.

Blossom: But potatoes are so cheap to buy at the store! They take too much room. I'd rather have more space for lettuce and spinach.

Mr. Yost: But I don't like spinach.

Blossom: We can plant beans and peas around the fence. That's easy enough. Then the center can be used for lettuce, spinach, and tomatoes.

Mrs. Rhonda: Shall we plant squash this year?

Luis: Squash always takes over the garden. If we plant three zucchini plants, we'll have thousands of zucchini, and we'll never use it all. It's a waste.

Mr. Yost: But zucchini bread tastes good.

Mrs. Rhonda: Here's an idea. We'll plant just one zucchini plant over here, and we can set potatoes all around it. That way, all the vines will be in the same area. Then we can plant the salad greens together and the peas and beans together too.



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What's Best for the Neighbors? continued

Answer each question about the neighborhood meeting.

1. What good points does Mrs. Rhonda make in favor of planting tomatoes?

2. What good point does Luis make in favor of planting potatoes?

3. What two good points does Blossom make against growing potatoes?

4. Whose points are not well backed by facts?

5. Do you agree with Mrs. Rhonda's ideas for the garden? Why or why not?

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