The Garden Club

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

Leveled reading: this passage is written at guided reading level N, a typical level for Grade 3. Read it aloud once, then read it again silently.

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Behind Maple Street School, there was a patch of dirt that nobody used. Ms. Hart's Grade 3 class decided to change that. They started the Garden Club.

In April, the students built three wooden boxes and filled them with soil. They planted tomato seeds, bean seeds and carrot seeds in neat rows. Owen was in charge of the carrots.

Every morning, Owen checked his row. For a whole week, nothing happened. "Are they broken?" he asked Ms. Hart. She laughed. "Seeds need time, water and sunshine. Be patient."

Finally, tiny green sprouts poked out of the soil. Owen cheered so loudly that a robin flew off the fence. The class took turns watering the garden and pulling weeds.

By June, the beans were climbing up their poles and the tomatoes were turning red. Owen pulled up his first carrot. It was short and a little crooked, but it was bright orange.

On the last day of school, the class made a big salad with everything they had grown. Owen crunched his carrot and decided it was the best thing he had ever tasted.

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Circle the best answer.

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(a) Tomatoes, beans and carrots
(b) Flowers and trees
(c) Apples and pears

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(a) The beans
(b) The carrots
(c) The watering can

3. What did seeds need, according to Ms. Hart?

(a) Time, water and sunshine
(b) Music
(c) Candy

4. What did the class make on the last day?

(a) A big salad
(b) A pie
(c) Soup

2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **How did Owen feel when nothing grew for a week? How do you know?**
   He felt worried. He asked Ms. Hart if the seeds were broken.
2. **Put these events in order: the salad, the sprouts, building the boxes.**
   First they built the boxes, then the sprouts came up, and last they made the salad.
3. **What lesson did Owen learn?**
   He learned to be patient, because good things like growing food take time.