

Carl's Garden Problem



Carl wanted to grow a garden. Mrs. Sanchez was Carl's neighbor. She gave Carl flower seeds. Carl planted them.

Mr. Brown was Carl's neighbor too. He saw Carl planting.

"I have vegetable plants in pots," Mr. Brown said. "Would you like to plant those too?"

"Yes, thank you!" said Carl.

Mr. Brown helped Carl plant the vegetables.

"My vegetables keep falling over," said Carl.

Mr. Brown went to his shed. He came back with long, thin sticks.

"These are tomato stakes. They will hold the plants up," said Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown put the stakes in the ground.

"Now the plants will grow tall!" said Carl.

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Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What did Carl want to do?

- a) grow a garden
- b) buy flowers
- c) talk with his neighbors

2. What does Carl plant in his garden in the *beginning* of the story?

- a) tomatoes
- b) vegetables
- c) flower seeds

3. Mr. Brown's vegetable plants were probably big and heavy. What information from the passage shows us that this is true?

- a) Mr. Brown's vegetables were first growing in pots.
- b) Mr. Brown had tomato stakes.
- c) Mr. Brown's vegetable plants that Carl planted kept falling over.

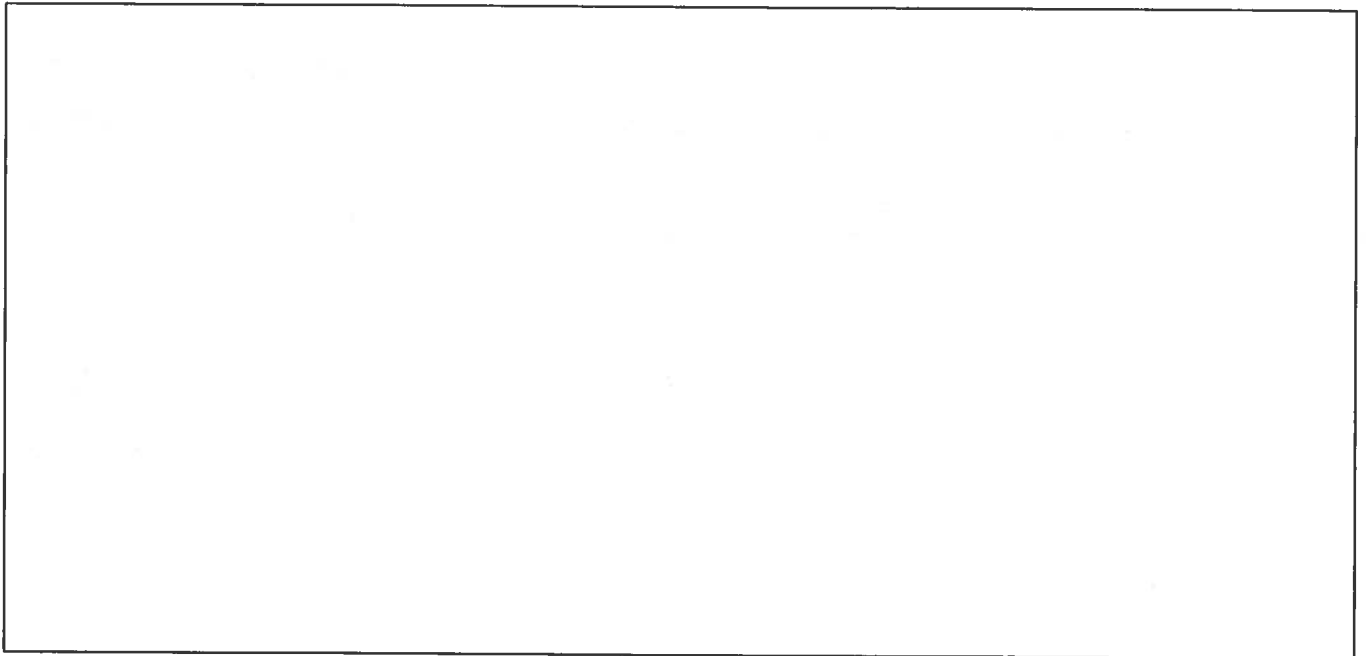
4. What is "Carl's Garden Problem" mostly about?

- a) Carl planting a garden
- b) how to support plants with stakes
- c) Carl and his neighbors

5. A) What was Carl's garden problem?

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B) Draw a picture of Carl planting the vegetables Mr. Brown gave Carl.



6. What did you learn from "Carl's Garden Problem"?

7. **Class Discussion Question:** Explain how Carl solves his garden problem. Be sure to explain what Carl's problem was.

Getting Around Cities



Lots of people live in a city. These people need to get around the city easily. They need to go to school or work. Some people need to go into and out of the city for work or school!

Many cities have ways to help people get around. They have public transportation. Something that is public has to do with all the people in a community. And transportation is how people and things get from one place to another.

There are many kinds of public transportation. Some cities have buses. These buses stop at certain places to pick people up and drop them off. Some cities have trains. They bring people into or out of the city. And some cities have underground trains. These are called subways. People take them to get around the city quickly.

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1. What is transportation?

- A. how people and things get from one place to another
- B. a place where many people live and work
- C. the way people make cars, buses, and trains

2. What does the text list and describe?

- A. different kinds of cities
- B. different kinds of cars
- C. different kinds of public transportation

3. The word "public" means having to do with all the people in a community.

Transportation is how people and things get from one place to another.

What does "public transportation" mean?

- A. Public transportation is something all the people in a community can use to learn.
- B. Public transportation is something all the people in a community can use to get from one place to another.
- C. Public transportation is something all the people in a community can use to cook food.

4. What is the main idea of this text?

- A. Subways are the fastest way to get around a city.
- B. People use public transportation to get around cities.
- C. Lots of people live in a city.

5. What kind of public transportation stops at certain places to pick people up?

A kind of public transportation that stops at certain places to pick people up is a _____.

6. What did you learn from "Getting Around Cities"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Describe at least two kinds of transportation described in the text. Use information from the text in your answer.

8. Draw a picture of a person using public transportation.