3RD GRADE READING · FICTION

Grandpa's Garden

Name _____ Date _____

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I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1 In April, Grandpa gave Ayaan a packet of tomato seeds. "Plant them, water them and wait," he said. Ayaan pushed the seeds into a pot of soil and watered them carefully.

2 The next morning, he ran outside to look. Nothing. The morning after that, still nothing. "Seeds are boring," Ayaan **grumbled. "Patience,"** said Grandpa, sipping his tea. "Good things grow slowly."

3 After a week, tiny green **sprouts** poked through the soil. Ayaan moved the pot to the sunniest spot on the porch and watered it every evening. The **sprouts** grew into tall plants with yellow flowers, and the flowers turned into small green tomatoes.

4 In July, the tomatoes were finally red. Ayaan picked the biggest one and shared it with Grandpa. It was the sweetest tomato he had ever tasted. "Was it worth the wait?" asked Grandpa. Ayaan grinned. "Every single day of it."

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Grandpa's Garden: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the story to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What did Grandpa give Ayaan?

(a) tomato seeds (b) a watering can (c) a flower pot

2. Why did Ayaan say that seeds are boring?

(a) he wanted to play (b) nothing grew right away (c) the seeds were too small

3. What is the lesson of the story?

(a) good things take time (b) always eat vegetables (c) gardens need rain

2 Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

- [ ] Ayaan shared a red tomato with Grandpa.
- [ ] Ayaan planted the seeds.
- [ ] Ayaan said that seeds are boring.
- [ ] Tiny green sprouts came up.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Grandpa's Garden: words and writing

Name _____ Date _____

1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

grumbled ○	○ waiting calmly without getting upset
patience ○	○ new young plants
sprouts ○	○ complained in a low voice

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

What lesson did Ayaan learn? Use details from the story.

3 Draw your favorite part of the story.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: Grandpa's Garden

1 Circle the best answer

1. a) tomato seeds
2. b) nothing grew right away
3. a) good things take time

2 Order of events

Numbers as printed, top to bottom: 4, 1, 2, 3

1. Ayaan planted the seeds.
2. Ayaan said that seeds are boring.
3. Tiny green sprouts came up.
4. Ayaan shared a red tomato with Grandpa.

3 Word meanings

grumbled: complained in a low voice

patience: waiting calmly without getting upset

sprouts: new young plants

4 Written answer (sample)

He learned that good things take time. He waited from April to July, and the tomato was worth the wait.

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