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Joy's Garden

Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the sounds



Try these decodable words!

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choice

eighty

New Vocabulary

planter: a container for growing plants

Let's Read!

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Joy's Garden



Joy has learned a lot about plants. Plants need good soil, sun, and moisture.

Joy gets some melon seeds. She plants them in her front yard. After eight days, Joy doesn't see anything though.

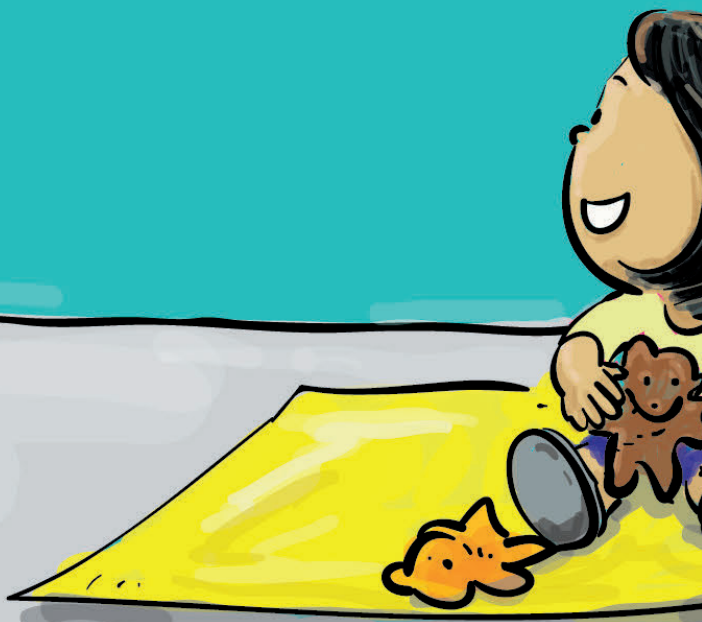
After eighteen days, still no plants.

"Oh boy," says Joy. "I hope my plants aren't destroyed!"



Joy's mom has big news. Their neighbor, Ms. Lloyd, has a nice garden. She wants to help Joy!

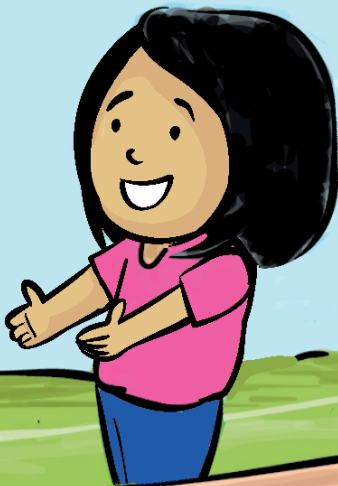
Ms. Lloyd can teach Joy about soil and growing plants. She will even pay Joy to help in their shared garden!



The next day, Joy goes to her neighbor's home.

Ms. Lloyd says, "I like to toil in my garden. I enjoy the smell of fresh soil!"

There are pea plants in planters. They weigh a lot, so Ms. Lloyd brings them to Joy. Then Joy moves them to the front garden.



Joy moves the eight pea plants to the garden.

"Moisture is important," says Ms. Lloyd.
"You should watch it though. You don't want the soil to be too moist!"

Joy has learned a lot. Ms. Lloyd pays her eighty cents for her work.



Joy goes to the neighbor's garden every day. She tends the peas and checks the soil.

Ms. Lloyd says, "Joy, there is one thing we must avoid. The plants can't get too moist."



Eight weeks have passed. Joy points to the plants. They are so tall!

She checks their height. Each plant is at least eight inches tall.

Ms. Lloyd is overjoyed.

"It's time to rejoice!"

"Can I start a garden?" asks Joy.

"That's your choice," says Ms. Lloyd. "I think you can!"



The next day, Joy and her mom go to the store. Joy buys eight seed packets. They cost eighty cents each.

Joy plans to visit Ms. Lloyd. She wants Ms. Lloyd's help planting the garden for her neighbors.





Phonics Fun

- Write 3 words from the book.
- Note how many letters and how many sounds are in each word.
- Are they the same or different? Why? (e.g., The word "meat" has 4 letters and 3 sounds because the ea makes 1 sound.)



High Frequency Words

front

though



Comprehension

What can be learned about Joy's actions that can help you in your life?



Decodable Words

avoid	moist
boy	moisture
choice	neighbor
destroy	overjoyed
eight	point
eighteen	rejoice
eighty	soil
enjoy	toil
Joy	weigh
Lloyd	

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Vowel Team eigh

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