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The Little Plant

Contexts

Mother Nature has many wonderful things. The trees, plants, birds and animals around us make our world more beautiful. They are so different from one another in shape, size and colour.

Have you observed how plants grow? Do you wonder where they come from? The poem 'The Little Plant' will help us understand the natural world a little better.

Paraphrase

The poem tells the story of a small seed. A tiny plant lies fast asleep inside a seed. One by one, the sunshine and the raindrops try to wake the little plant up. Slowly, the plant wakes up and grows out of the seed. It is very happy to see the beautiful world around it.

Perspectives

- ▶ The small plant is woken up by the soft sunlight and bright raindrops.
 - How do you wake up every morning?
 - What are some of the things you do before going to school in the morning?
- ▶ The little plant sees the wonderful world around it and is very happy.
 - What are the things that you see early in the morning? Also, think about the sounds you hear.
- ▶ Find out how a seed grows into a plant.

Higher Order Thinking Skills

1. The little plant lay asleep in the 'heart of a seed'. What do you think the heart of the seed means?
2. The poet says the little plant arose and saw how wonderful the world might be. What are the things the little plant must have seen?

Vocabulary

A. Sorting the Past

Work in teams. Your teacher will give each team ten verbs written on ten chits. The teams will quickly look for chits with verbs in the past form and keep them separate. You get a minute for the task. Be the first team to separate all the correct chits and walk away as the winner!





B. Hats Off to the Antonyms

Each student will carry a hat or cap for the activity. Wear your hats or caps and stand up at the beginning of the game. The teacher will call out pairs of words. For each pair of antonyms, take your hats off.

Grammar

A-Z with Common Nouns

Create your own picture dictionary of common nouns. Take the help of an elder to make a dictionary out of a notebook. It should have 26 pages and a cover. On page 1 write a common noun with letter 'A'. Draw or paste a picture for the word. Likewise, fill in a page for each letter of the alphabet.

<p>A</p>  <p>ASTRONAUT</p>	<p>B</p>  <p>BAT</p>	<p>C</p>  <p>CARROT</p>	<p>D</p>  <p>DAIRY FARM</p>
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Remember to include words from these four groups:

person

animal

thing

place

Interact

Listening

A. If It's Rhyming and You Know It

Listen carefully as the teacher speaks out sentences. Do you hear any rhyming words? Clap your hands if you do!

B. Catch the Silent 'E'

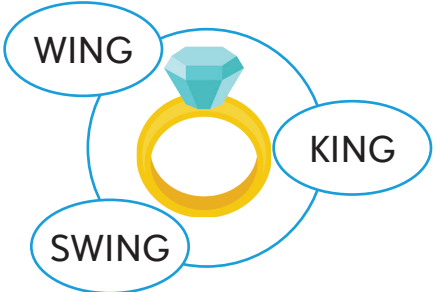
Listen carefully as the teacher calls out some words. In the grid below find and colour the box for each word with a silent 'e' that she says. Use a pink colour pencil.

JOKE	PUPPY	BONE	DANCE	TAPE
SILLY	MAKE	STORY	CUBE	TEETH
CAVE	POKE	NINE	STUDY	HIVE
GAME	BABY	HIDE	NEST	TEASE
TWINKLE	ROSE	MOUSE	TOE	MEND

Speaking

A. On a Rhyming Spree

Your teacher will carry a bagful of common objects such as a toy, book, pencil, hair band, spoon and ball. She will pull out an object and show it to the class. Raise your hands to name the object. The student who names the object has to speak out a word that rhymes with the name of the object. Every time an object gets repeated, a new rhyming word has to be named.



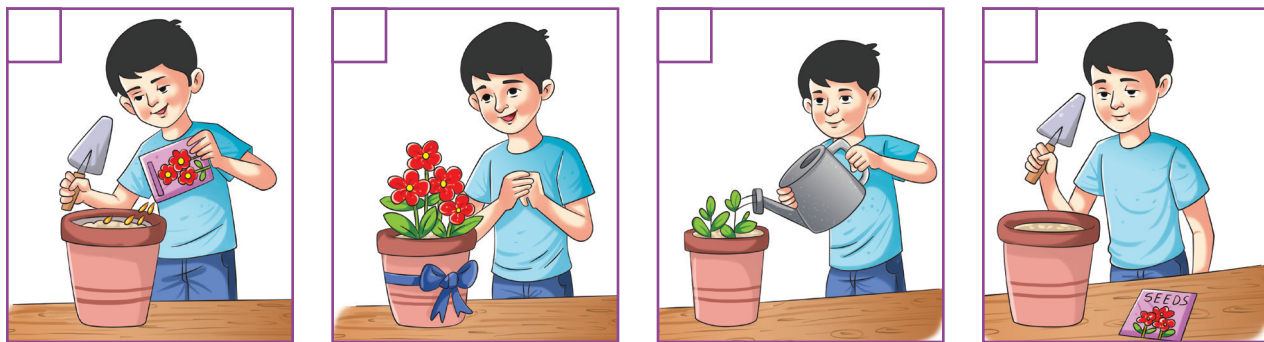
B. Acting Silly with Silent 'E'

Play in pairs. Partner A should say a word with silent 'E' incorrectly. Partner B will guess the word and say it correctly. Now, repeat with Partner B saying a word with silent 'E'. Your teacher will give a few examples to get you started.



Order! Order!

Look at the pictures given below. Write 1-4 in the boxes to put them in the correct order.



Now, choose the correct words from the box and complete the sentences below.

water seeds pot then gift sun firstly

1. _____ turn the soil.
2. Next, drop in the _____.
3. _____ remember to water the baby plants.
4. Finally, _____ it to someone and bring a smile!

Learn by Doing

A. Nature on a Paper Plate

Choose any one of the following topics. Show it on a paper plate.

- How does a flower bloom?
- A butterfly is born!
- Spider, spider weave a web
- Ants go marching



You need

- paper plates
- craft material
- help from an adult
- water colours
- things collected from nature
- whole lot of imagination

B. Nature Notes

Have you ever observed a mother bird feeding its babies? Look at the picture. Write five sentences in your notebook to describe what you see.

