Read the short story and answer each question.

Soil

Seeds

watering
can

# My Tiny Garden

Jada has a tiny garden on her windowsill. It is just the right size for a few plants.

First, Jada fills small pots with soil. The soil is dark and soft.

Next, she puts a seed in each pot. Some are flower seeds. Some are herb seeds.

Then, Jada gives each pot a little water. She uses a small watering can.

Last, Jada places her pots in the sun. The plants need sunlight to grow.

Each day, Jada checks her tiny garden. Soon, green leaves start to peek out.

The flowers grow tall. The herbs smell sweet. Jada is proud of her little garden.



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- 1. What does Jada use to water her plants?
- A. Jada uses a big bucket.
- B. Jada uses a cup.
- C. Jada uses a garden hose.
- D. Jada uses a small watering can.

- 2. What happens after Jada puts the seeds in the soil?
- A. She eats lunch.
- B. She gives them water and sunlight.
- C. She takes a nap.
- D. She picks the flowers.

3. Fill in the blank:	
Jada's garden is on her	·
4. Why do you think Jada puts her garden in the sun?	
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5. What are two things Jada does to help her plants grow?	
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## **Parent and Teacher Guide**

Guide Reading Level: E Lexile Level: 10L-160L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Procedural/How-To

## Introducing the Text

"Today we're going to read a story about a little girl named Jada and the tiny garden she takes care of. As we read, we'll use the words and the pictures to learn how plants grow and what a garden needs."

Vocabulary: garden, soil, seed, watering can, sunlight

#### **Before Reading Discussion Questions**

- 1. What do you already know about gardens?
- Have you ever planted something before?
- 3. What do you think plants need to grow?

#### **During Reading Discussion Questions**

- 1. What did Jada do first to start her garden?
- 2. What tools does Jada use to care for her plants?
- 3. How do the pictures help you understand what Jada is doing?

#### After Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What are the steps Jada took to make her garden?
- 2. Why do you think the author included pictures in this story?
- 3. Can you think of another place someone could grow a tiny garden?

# **Activity Idea**

Give each student a small paper cup, a spoonful of soil, and one seed. Let them plant their own "tiny garden" just like Jada. Have students draw and label the steps they took, using both pictures and words to explain their work.

