

Fran's Family Garden

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you think of when you read the word “garden”?

Definitions:

- Produce – something grown, like fresh vegetables
- Feast – a large meal with a lot of food



Reading

16 Fran and her kids liked to watch things grow. They loved to be in the garden.
33 Spring was a busy time in the garden for Fran and her kids. First, they removed the
50 leaves and twigs that had fallen on the garden. Then they tilled the soil. It was good
to churn the dirt. Next, they made **rows** with a hoe.

61 They planted the seeds in the rows. Fran had bought five packs of seeds.
75 They planted a row of carrots. They planted a row of sweet corn. They planted a
91 row of beans. They planted a row of green peppers. They planted a row of lettuce.

107 Fran wanted the garden to get a good start. She watered the seeds well. Next,
122 she got a wire fence. She put the fence around the garden. Without the fence, Fran
138 and her kids would not have much produce. The rabbits would have a great feast!

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Understanding

1. When did Fran and her kids plant the garden? _____

2. What tool did they use to make the rows? _____

3. What does the word **row** mean in this story?

a. To move a boat using oars.

b. A loud fight.

c. Things in a straight line.

4. How many rows of seeds did they plant? _____

5. Why did Fran put a fence around the garden? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about your own garden or a garden you would like to grow.
