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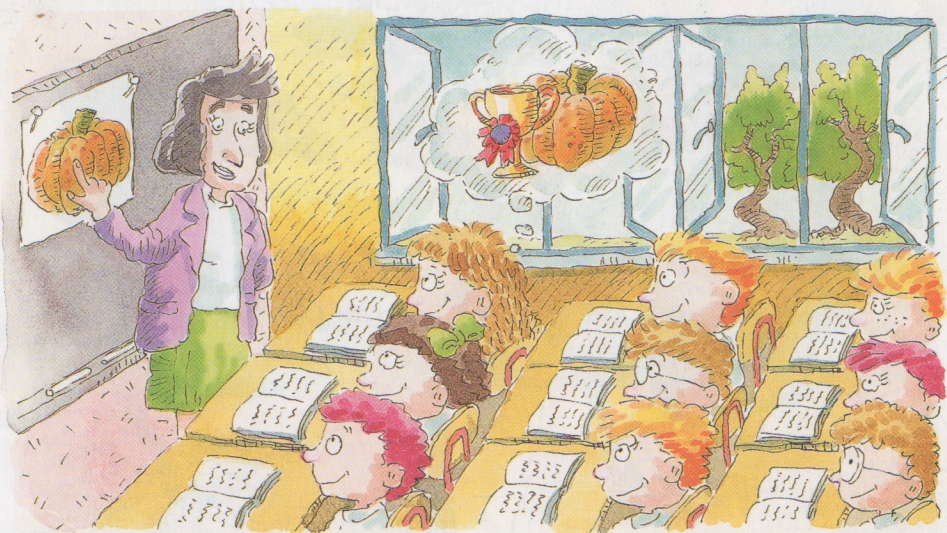


## The Garden Fairy

It was a hot afternoon and Wendy looked out of the classroom window. Then the teacher said the word 'prize'. Wendy sat up and listened.

'Each student is going to grow a pumpkin. There is going to be a prize for the biggest pumpkin,' said the teacher.

Wendy was happy. 'I'm going to win!' she thought. 'I'm going to grow the biggest pumpkin!'



a prize



sat up



a pumpkin



thought

'You can grow the pumpkins in your gardens,' said the teacher. 'You have four months.' The teacher gave each student ten pumpkin seeds.

'Oh no!' thought Wendy. 'I haven't got a garden.' Wendy's family lived in a small flat. It had no garden.

Lucy laughed at Wendy. 'Ha ha! You haven't got a garden!' she said. 'You're too poor. You can't grow a pumpkin.' Wendy was angry and sad.



seeds

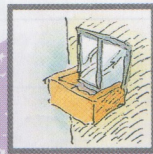


laughed at

Then Wendy thought, 'I can grow my pumpkin in a pot.' After school she went to the shops. She bought a big pot. She went home by bus, and put the pot on the balcony. Now she was not sad or angry. She was happy.



a pot



a balcony



## Puzzles

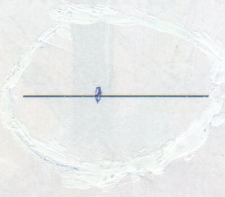
1. A pumpkin is a vegetable. Do you know the names of these vegetables? Put the letters in the right order and write the right names.

a) oatpot

potato



b) arotcr



c) ensab

\_\_\_\_\_



d) bagecba

\_\_\_\_\_



e) norc

\_\_\_\_\_



2. How many little words can you find in the word **VEGETABLES**? You can make words like: **table, eat, bee ...**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Wendy planted the seeds in the pot. She watered the seeds every night. A pumpkin plant grew. Wendy was very happy. She bought some more seeds and grew some flowers, too. Soon her balcony was very beautiful.



A Garden Fairy saw Wendy's flowers. She flew down and sat on a flower.

'What a beautiful garden! I like it here,' she said.



watered



grew



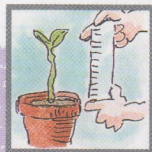
flew

The children's pumpkins grew and grew. The children measured the pumpkins every week.

John said, 'My pumpkin is 20 centimetres high!'

Tina said, 'My pumpkin is 30 centimetres wide! My pumpkin is bigger than John's pumpkin.'

'But my pumpkin is the biggest,' said Wendy. 'It's 40 centimetres high and 60 centimetres wide. I'm going to win the prize!'



measured



Wendy was not excited. She was not excited.

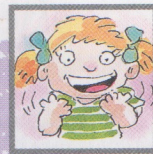


'Bring your pumpkins to school on Friday,' said the teacher. 'We are going to weigh them.'

The children were all very excited.



weigh



excited

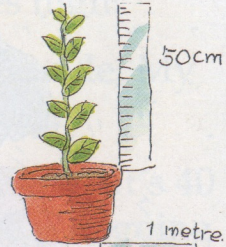


## Puzzles

### 1. Measuring

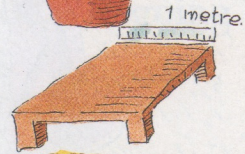
a) How high is this plant?

It is 50 centimetres high.



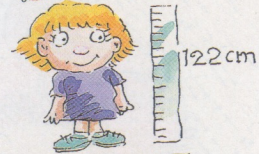
b) How wide is this table?

It \_\_\_\_\_.



c) How tall is this girl?

She \_\_\_\_\_.



d) How long is her hair?

It \_\_\_\_\_.



### 2. Weighing

a) This pumpkin weighs 1 kilogramme.

b) This pumpkin weighs \_\_\_\_\_.

c) This pumpkin weighs \_\_\_\_\_.

d) This \_\_\_\_\_.

a



b



c



d



Wendy was not excited. She was sad. Her pumpkin was not very big.

On Thursday evening the Garden Fairy came to the balcony. 'Why are you crying, Wendy?' she asked.

'I'm crying because I'm not going to win the prize tomorrow,' said Wendy. 'I said my pumpkin was the biggest. But that isn't true. It isn't big enough!'

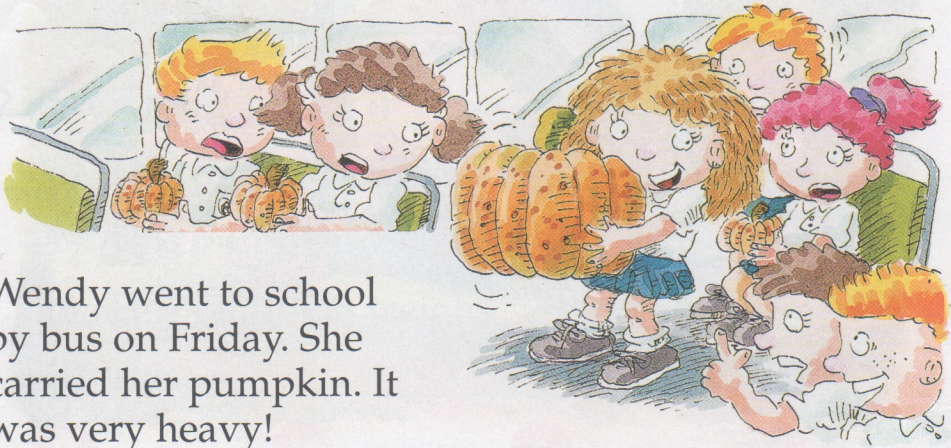
'Don't cry,' said the Garden Fairy. 'I can help you.'



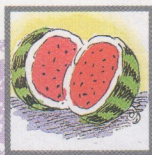
crying

'Look, the pumpkin is growing!' said the Garden Fairy. Wendy looked. The pumpkin grew very quickly.

'It's as big as an orange!' said Wendy. 'Now it's as big as a football ... Now it's as big as a watermelon! Oh, thank you, Garden Fairy!'



Wendy went to school by bus on Friday. She carried her pumpkin. It was very heavy!



a watermelon



carried

The children looked at Wendy's pumpkin. It was bigger than all their pumpkins.

'I'm going to win the prize!' said Wendy. 'My pumpkin is the biggest!'

Wendy looked at John's pumpkin. 'Oh, yours is very small, John!' she said. She looked at Tina's pumpkin. 'Oh, yours is smaller, Tina!' she laughed.



The Garden Fairy was there. She looked at Wendy and she was angry.



## Puzzles

Put the words in the box in the sentences below.

big	bigger	biggest
small	smaller	smallest

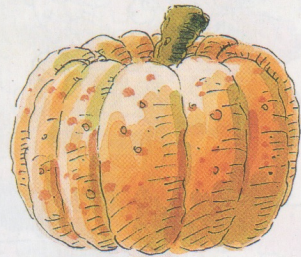
a) The carrot is big.



b) The potato is \_\_\_\_\_.



c) The pumpkin is the \_\_\_\_\_.



d) The apple is small.



e) The lemon is \_\_\_\_\_.



f) The cherry is the \_\_\_\_\_.

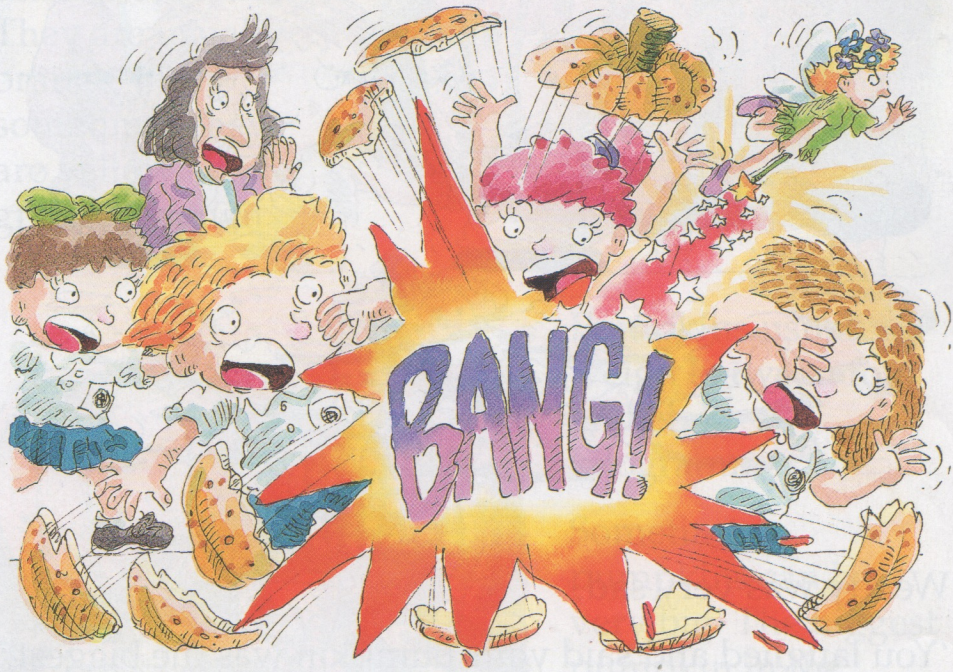


Wendy's pumpkin grew and grew.

'It's growing bigger and bigger!' said Lucy.

'We're going to weigh all the pumpkins at three o'clock,' said the teacher.

Wendy's pumpkin was now ENORMOUS. It was bigger than Wendy.



Suddenly there was a big BANG !

'Look!' said John. 'Wendy's pumpkin has exploded!'



enormous



exploded



Wendy was very sad.

'You laughed and said your pumpkin was the biggest,' said the Garden Fairy. 'That wasn't very nice!'

'I'm sorry,' said Wendy to Tina and John.

'That's alright,' said Tina. 'Don't cry, Wendy. Come to my house after school. We can play in the garden.'

After school, Wendy went to Tina's house. The Garden Fairy went, too. They all played in the garden.

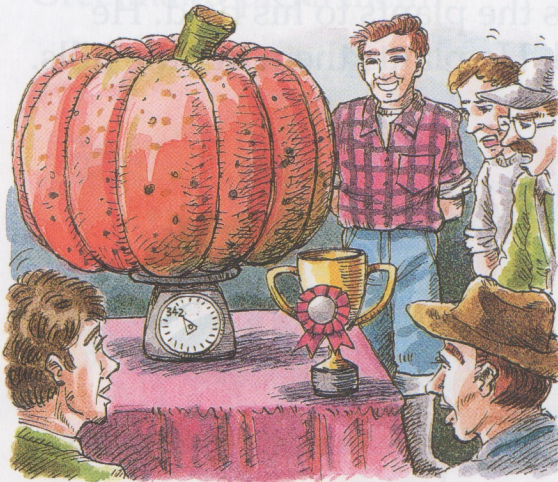
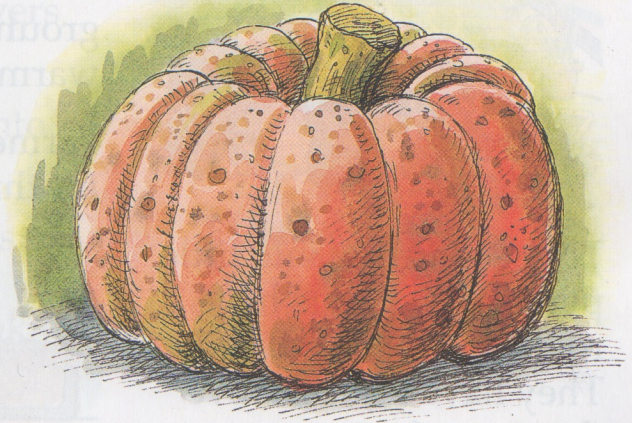




## Pumpkins

This is a pumpkin.  
It is round and it  
has a hard skin.

Pumpkins can be  
different colours.  
They are usually  
orange, but  
sometimes they  
are yellow, white,  
green or brown.



Pumpkins usually  
weigh between four  
and eight  
kilogrammes.

Sometimes  
pumpkins can be  
very big. The biggest  
pumpkin in the  
world weighed 342  
kilogrammes!



skin

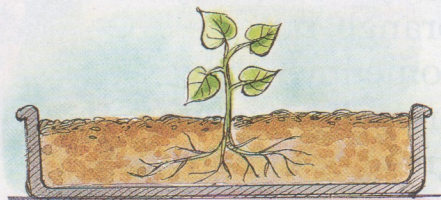
Farmer Greenhand grows pumpkins.



He plants the seeds in a greenhouse in the spring. In the greenhouse the ground is dark and warm and wet.

Farmer Greenhand waits for three weeks.

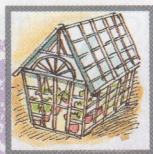
The seeds grow into little plants. The plants have roots under the ground. They have leaves above the ground.



Farmer Greenhand takes the plants to his field. He puts them in the ground. He plants them in little hills.



He waters the pumpkin plants.



a greenhouse



hills

The plants grow bigger and bigger. The leaves are heart-shaped. Now yellow flowers grow on the plants. The flowers are bell-shaped.



The flowers grow into little pumpkins.

The pumpkin plants need water and sunlight. The pumpkins grow very quickly.



In the autumn the pumpkins are big enough. Farmer Greenhand picks them.



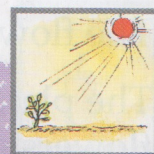
Farmer Greenhand sells the pumpkins at the market.



heart-shaped



bell-shaped



sunlight



## Puzzles

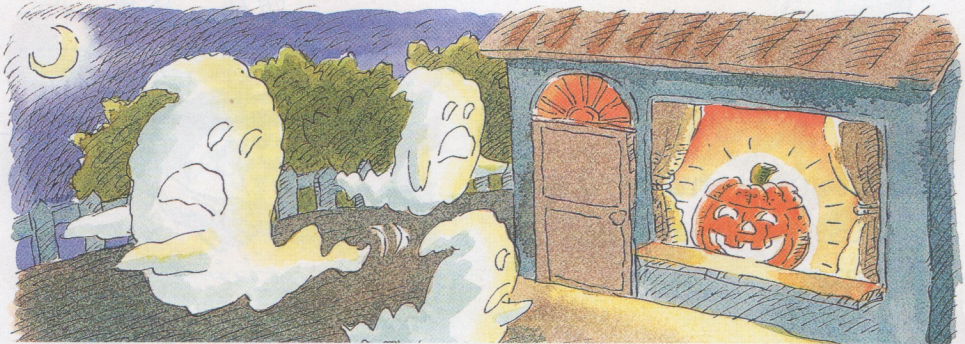
1. This is a pumpkin plant. Write the right names.  
Choose from:

leaf   flower   pumpkin   roots

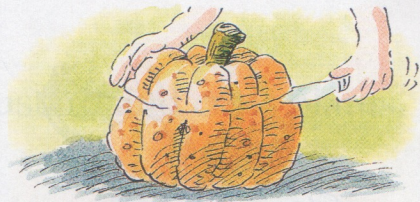


2. How does Farmer Greenhand grow pumpkins?  
Put the sentences in the right order. The first sentence is right.
- He plants the seeds in a greenhouse in the spring.
  - He puts them in the ground and waters them.
  - In the autumn the pumpkins are big enough and Farmer Greenhand picks them.
  - The seeds grow into little plants.
  - The pumpkins grow very quickly.
  - The flowers grow into little pumpkins.
  - The plants grow bigger and bigger. Now yellow flowers grow on the plants.

The evening of 31st October is Halloween. People say, 'Ghosts come out at Halloween!' People do not want ghosts in their houses, so they make a jack-o'-lantern and put it in front of the window.



This is how people make a jack-o'-lantern. They buy a pumpkin and cut the top off.



They cut a big hole in the middle of the pumpkin.

They cut a face in the side of the pumpkin.

They put a candle inside, and light it.



ghosts



a jack-o'-lantern



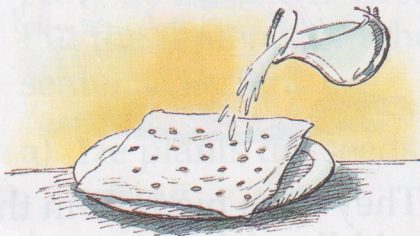
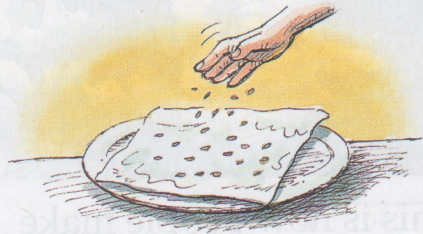
light

Some vegetables grow very quickly. You can grow mustard and cress in three weeks!

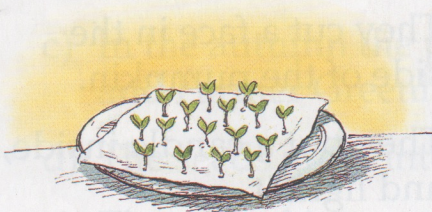
1. Put some soft, wet paper on a plate.



2. Put some mustard and cress seeds on the paper.



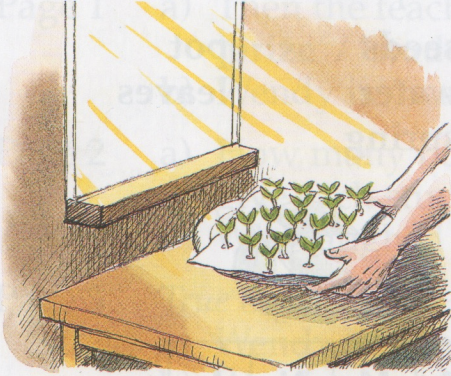
3. Water the seeds every day.



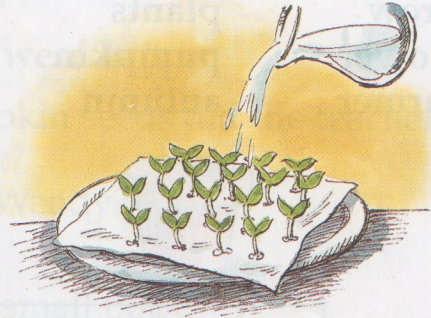
4. Wait for three days. What can you see? Little mustard and cress plants are growing on the paper!



5. Put the plate in front of the window. The plants need sunlight.



6. Water the plants every day. The plants need water.



7. Wait for three weeks.

8. Now you can pick the mustard and cress plants. You can eat them!





## Puzzles

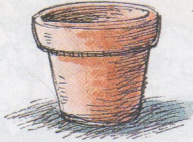
Find these words in the word square.

grow  
flower  
farmer

plants  
pumpkin  
autumn

seeds  
water  
spring

pot  
leaves



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## Questions

- Page 1 a) Then the teacher said the word '**pumpkin**' / '**prize**' / '**student**'.  
b) Wendy **is** / **was** / **were** happy.
- Page 2 a) How many pumpkin seeds did the teacher give each student?  
b) Who laughed at Wendy?
- Page 3 *True or false?*  
a) Wendy bought a small pot.  
b) Wendy went home by bus.
- Page 5 a) Wendy planted the s\_\_\_\_\_ in a pot.  
b) A G\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_ saw Wendy's flowers.
- Page 6 a) The children measured the pumpkins every **day** / **week** / **year**.  
b) Tina's pumpkin is 30 centimetres **high** / **tall** / **wide**.
- Page 7 a) When are the children going to weigh their pumpkins?  
b) Were the children sad?
- Page 9 a) Who came to the balcony on Thursday evening?  
b) Is Wendy's pumpkin the biggest?
- Page 10 a) The pumpkin **grow** / **grew** / **growing** very quickly.  
b) Wendy went to school by **bus** / **car** / **bicycle** on Friday.

- Page 11 a) Wendy's pumpkin was b \_\_\_\_\_ than all the other children's pumpkins.  
b) Wendy said, 'My pumpkin is the b \_\_\_\_\_!'

- Page 13 *True or false?*  
a) The students are going to weigh all the pumpkins at three o'clock.  
b) Wendy was bigger than her pumpkin.

- Page 14 a) Who said, 'I'm sorry,' to Tina and John?  
b) Where did Wendy go after school?

- Page 15 a) Pumpkins are usually o \_\_\_\_\_.  
b) The biggest pumpkin in the world weighed \_\_\_\_\_.

- Page 16 *True or false?*  
a) Farmer Greenhand plants the seeds in the greenhouse in the autumn.  
b) The plants have roots above the ground.

- Page 17 a) The pumpkin plants need \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
b) *True or false?* In the spring the pumpkins are big enough.

- Page 19 a) When is Halloween? It is on the evening of \_\_\_\_\_.  
b) Where do people put their jack-o'-lantern? They put it in front of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Page 20 a) Put some soft, wet paper on a **table** / **cup** / **plate**.  
b) Water the seeds every **week** / **day** / **month**.

- Page 21 a) Put the plate in front of the **table** / **television** / **window**.  
b) Can you eat the mustard and cress plants?

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<i>The Garden Fairy</i>	ee	p. 2 p. 6 p. 13 p. 15 p. 16 p. 17 p. 19 p. 20	seeds week three green, between Farmer Greenhand, greenhouse need Halloween see
	*e	p. 1 p. 2 p. 3 p. 5 p. 6 p. 9 p. 10 p. 15 p. 16 p. 17 p. 20	Wendy ten went every, very centimetres help watermelon yellow wet bell-shaped, sells vegetables, mustard and cress
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\* The short e sound is previously introduced in Level 5 *Mickey Monkey*.



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