

Worksheet Predictions and Inferencing

Read the story below, then answer the questions.

THE FAMILY GARDEN

My dad once worked at Petrotrin. When the company shut down the refinery and retrenched many of its workers; my dad decided to plough the land behind the house and make a garden. The plot, a flat, even ground that received lot of sun, was 20 metres long and 20 metres wide. Dad immediately got rid of weeds, prepared the soil, and made drains.



The whole family went out to help dad. We helped dad make the beds and plant the seeds. We planted pimento pepper, sweet pepper, melongene, tomato, celery, chive, ochro, lettuce, and broccoli. James, my oldest brother, would help him weed the plot often. He also kept a compost of fallen leaves, weed, and grass. We often moulded the plants and sprayed them with insecticide to get rid of the harmful insects.

Our hard work did not go unnoticed. We had a successful harvest; dad was able to sell most of his produce in the nearby market. We all found the effort worthwhile. We were sad, however, when dad got another job; but he promised that the garden will stay as it helped us throughout the time he was unemployed.

Questions

1. How did the garden help the family?

- The garden give the family something to do.
- The garden provide the family with food and a livelihood for the father.
- The garden helped them make use of the land.
- The garden kept every from being idle.

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2. Why does a gardener use insecticide?

- To make sure the plants grow healthy.
- To keep insects away from the plants.
- It is another way to water plants.
- To get rid of harmful insects.

3. Why did the father make a garden behind the house?

- He was unemployed.
- He wanted to keep occupied.
- The land behind the house was empty.

4. How successful was the garden?

- The plants were healthy.
- The yield was good enough to sell in the market.
- Father was happy.