

Alpha Readers



Growing Strawberries



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A Look at each picture. Circle the two words that describe it. Then write the name on the lines.

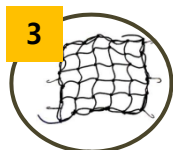
Word Box scarecrow netting pellet soil



small plant safe



bird trick danger



hunt play holes



sky brown wet

B Read the story again. Label the pictures.

Word Box water the plant plant dig up the soil weed









C To make a verb in the past tense, some verbs changes their forms. Write the missing tense of each verb.

Present	Past
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1. make made

3. _____ saw

5. say _____

7. _____ gave

Present	Past
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2. dig _____

4. _____ grew

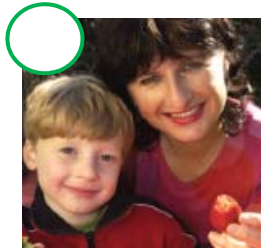
6. get _____

8. take _____

D Number in order. Then rewrite the summary.



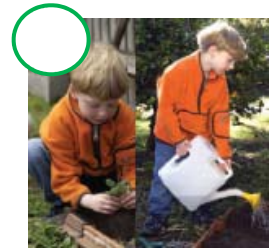
Some animals had eaten my plants.



At last, I got the strawberries!



I want to grow my own strawberry plants.



I planted my strawberry plants.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

E What are the problems and solutions in the story?
Find the right sentences from each box.



Word Box for 'Problem'

- The birds had eaten the plants.
- I saw holes in the leaves.
- My duck had eaten the strawberries.

Word Box for 'Solution'

- Put some nettings over the strawberries.
- Put the pellets around the strawberries.
- Make a scarecrow.

Problems	Solutions
1. The birds had eaten the plants. →	
2. →	
3. →	