

What Plants Need



Fernando and Zoey go to a plant sale. They buy mint plants. They like the minty smell of the leaves. Fernando puts his plant near a sunny window. Zoey puts her plant in her bedroom. Fernando's plant looks green and healthy after a few days. But Zoey's plant has some brown leaves.

"Your plant needs more light," Fernando says.

Zoey moves her plant to a sunny window. Soon, both plants look green and healthy!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What do Fernando and Zoey buy at the beginning of the passage?
 - a) Mint plants
 - b) iPods
 - c) books about plants

2. At the beginning of the story, Fernando and Zoey buy mint plants. Then where does Fernando put his plant?
 - a) near a sunny window
 - b) in his bedroom
 - c) outside

3. Zoey's plant needed more light. How do we know this?
 - a) Zoey put her plant in her bedroom.
 - b) Zoey goes to a plant sale.
 - c) Zoey's plant had some brown leaves.

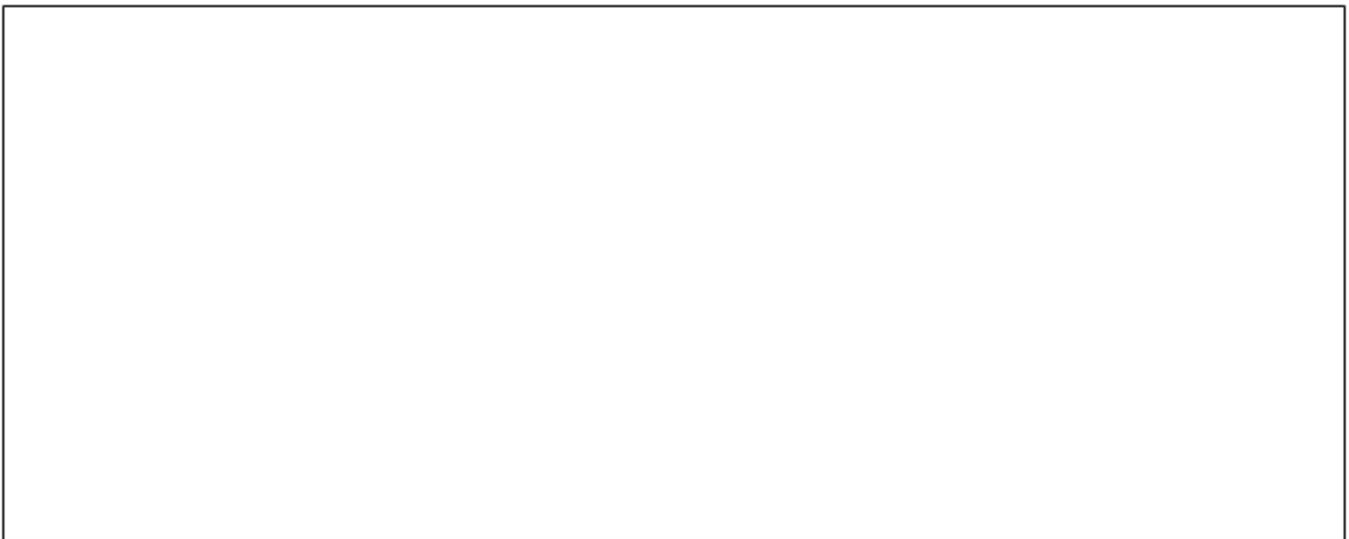
4. What is the big lesson in "What Plants Need"?
 - a) Plants need water to live.
 - b) Plants need light from the sun to live.
 - c) Don't ever put a plant in your bedroom.

5. A) Where do Zoey and Fernando put their plants right after the plant sale?

Fernando put his plant...

Zoey put her plant...

B) Draw a picture of Fernando and Zoey's plants in their homes. Try to show how healthy each plant was after a few days.



6. What did you learn from "What Plants Need"?

7. **Class Discussion Question:** In the story, Zoey first puts her plant in her bedroom. Explain why this location was not a good choice.

Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 500

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- c) books about plants

2. At the beginning of the story, Fernando and Zoey buy mint plants. Then where does Fernando put his plant?

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- b) in his bedroom
- c) outside

3. Zoey's plant needed more light. How do we know this?

- a) Zoey put her plant in her bedroom.
- b) Zoey goes to a plant sale.
- c) **Zoey's plant had some brown leaves.**

4. What is the big lesson in "What Plants Need"?

- a) Plants need water to live.
- b) **Plants need light from the sun to live.**
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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

Where do Fernando and Zoey put their plants right after the plant sale?

Suggested answer: Fernando put his plant near a sunny window. Zoey put her plant in her bedroom.

B) Draw a picture of Fernando and Zoey's plants in their homes. Try to show how healthy each plant was after a few days.

Suggested answer: Students' pictures should include a picture of Fernando's green, healthy plant near a sunny window and Zoey's plant with brown leaves in her bedroom.

6. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What did you learn from "What Plants Need"?

Suggested answer: Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage.

7. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

Class Discussion Question: In the story, Zoey first puts her plant in her bedroom. Explain why this location was not a good choice.

Suggested answer: Answers may vary yet should indicate that the location was not a good choice because Zoey's plant did not have enough access to sunlight in this location. That is why her plant had some brown leaves.