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Is gardening a hobby for young or old people?

Do you need a big garden to enjoy gardening, or can someone living in an apartment also do a bit of gardening?

Do you think gardening is an expensive hobby?

What do you think of the idea of everyone having a vegetable and herb garden to help the world’s food problems?

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| Action (verbs) | Description (adj) | Tools/equipment | Animals | Others |
| dig  mow  pick  plant  sow  water  weed  grow  bloom | big/large/huge  English/Japanese  low maintance  natural  traditional  untidy  unkept  symmetrical | Wellington boots  gloves  kneeling pad  lawn mower  rake  fork  hoe  spade  watering can  wheelbarrow  axe  garden shears | bee  butterfly  caterpillar  fly  hedgehog  ladybird  mole  mosquito  slug  snail  worm | bulb  seed  soil  sandpit  slide  swimming pool  bird feeder  fountain  bench  greenhouse  path  pebble  rock garden |

What is it about gardening that makes many people love it?

What kind of gardening do you like?

How much time do you spend in the garden?

Do you think gardening is good for your health?

What are some vegetables which you grow in your garden?

Do you think trees need pruning every year?

What are names of common flowers in your country?

Is there a flower store near your house?

Would you prefer to have a flower garden or a vegetable garden? Why?

What do you like best, a landscaped garden or the formal garden?

How does your family help you when you are gardening?

Which do you prefer for your garden organic or chemical fertilizers?

**Listening:** Everybody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gardening as a hobby. We can all get back to nature. Thousands of years ago we all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gardening. It’s one of the most relaxing hobbies I can think of. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ satisfying. I get very excited about gardening. I love planting seeds and then letting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . It’s amazing how quickly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , your seeds are beautiful flowers. You also learn a lot about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, shrubs and trees. Of course, gardening is also very practical. If you grow vegetables, you can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grow. Vegetables picked fresh from your garden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ better than the ones in the shops. Gardening is good for you. It makes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Earth.

Do you like looking at gardening shows on TV and reading gardening magazines?

Do you know anyone who is crazy about gardening?

Do you think gardening is the same all over the world?

Would you like a job as a gardener, or as a landscape architect?

Do you like walking around gardens?

Are gardens good for the environment?

What do you know / think about Japanese Zen gardens?

Do you have green fingers (UK) green thumbs (USA)?

Do you think all schools should have a classroom garden and a kitchen garden?

What dangers are involved with gardening?

Do you like visiting botanical gardens?

**Listening: Answer the following questions**

What did Sophie do at the weekend?

What percentage of people in the UK said that gardening makes them happier? A) B) C)

Is Neil a good gardener?

What happened when he tried to grow tomatoes?

What is creepy crawly?

What was the result of the experiment with mice?

How can gardening be used as a therapy?

Was Neil’s answer to today’s question right?

What percentage of people would like to spend their working day in the office?

PROBLEMS: Can you think of any problems you might have with your neighbours? How would you solve them?

example:

* animals digging under fence
* balls over the fence causing damage
* tree growing over fence