

Planting Bulbs

- 1 Have you ever noticed the bright colours of spring flowers? Most of them are grown from bulbs, which contain the food that the flower needs to grow. If you want your flowers to appear in the spring, you will need to plant your bulbs in the autumn, either in the garden or in a pot.
- 6 How to plant a bulb:
 - 7 1. Dig a hole that is three to four times as deep as the bulb.
 - 8 2. Plant most bulbs with the round bit facing down and the pointy bit facing up. If you're not sure which is which, plant the bulb on its side. The roots will grow down and the bud will sprout up.
 - 12 3. If you're growing bulbs in a garden, mark the spot where you have planted the bulb. Write the name of the flower on a lollipop stick and push it into the ground above the bulb.
 - 15 4. Wait and watch.
 - 16 5. Once the bulbs have finished flowering, leave the leaves until they begin to turn yellow. This lets the bulb make the food it needs to flower again next year.



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So the flowers have bright colours. ☐

So you plant them in the autumn. ☐

So the flowers have food to grow. ☐

So they flower in the spring. ☐

1b
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1 mark

2. Find and copy two places you can plant a bulb.

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3. Tick the instruction.

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How to plant a bulb: ☐

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4. "The roots will grow down and the bud will sprout up."

The word "sprout" in the sentence is closest in meaning to (tick one):

green vegetable ☐ grow ☐

stem ☐ leaf ☐

1a
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1 mark

5. "Wait and watch."

Write what you think will happen next.

1e
☐
1 mark

6. Number these events to show the order they happen in.

Enjoy the spring flowers. ☐ Let the leaves turn yellow. ☐

Plant the bulb. ☐ Let the roots grow down. ☐

1c
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1 mark

Question	Answer	CD/Mark	Useful strategies
<p>1. Why are most spring flowers grown from bulbs? Tick one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> So the flowers have bright colours.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> So you plant them in the autumn.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> So the flowers have food to grow.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> So they flower in the spring.</p>	So the flowers have food to grow.	1b 1 mark	<p><i>Question focus: identify information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider where in the text to look for the answer. Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer. Reread the options in the question and choose the best one.
<p>2. Find and copy two places you can plant a bulb.</p>	in the garden in a pot	1b 1 mark	<p><i>Question focus: identify information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider where in the text to look for the answer. Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer. <p>Both answers are needed for one mark</p>
<p>3. Tick the instruction.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever noticed the bright colours of spring flowers?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How to plant a bulb:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Planting Bulbs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dig a hole that is three to four times as deep as the bulb.</p>	Dig a hole that is three to four times as deep as the bulb.	1b 1 mark	<p><i>Question focus: identify information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider what you know about instructions. Read the options carefully and identify the key features.
<p>4. "The roots will grow down and the bud will sprout up."</p> <p>The word "<i>sprout</i>" in this sentence is closest in meaning to (tick one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> green vegetable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> grow</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> stem</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> leaf</p>	grow	1a 1 mark	<p><i>Question focus: draw on vocabulary to understand text.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider where in the text to look for the word. Scan the text to find the word. Carefully read that part of the text, thinking about what the word might mean.

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<p>5. "Wait and watch."</p> <p>Write what you think will happen next.</p>	<p>Possible answers could include:</p> <p>The flowers will grow./The stem/stalk/shoot will appear above the ground.</p>	<p>1e</p> <p>1 mark</p>	<p><i>Question focus: predict what might happen.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully read the question, marking key words. • Consider where in the text to look for information. • Think about what has happened so far and what you think might happen next.
<p>6. Number these events to show the order they happen in.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy the spring flowers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Plant the bulb.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Let the leaves turn yellow.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Let the roots grow down.</p>	<p>Enjoy the spring flowers. 3</p> <p>Plant the bulb. 1</p> <p>Let the leaves turn yellow. 4</p> <p>Let the roots grow down. 2</p>	<p>1c</p> <p>1 mark</p>	<p><i>Question focus: identify order of information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully read the question, marking key words. • Scan the text for the actions in the question. • Carefully read the text and number the events