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A Garden For One

By Kelly Hashway

Rebecca stood in her grandmother's garden and ate some fresh snap peas. The only thing she enjoyed more than the peas were the delicious tomatoes her grandmother grew. Rebecca had always loved helping her grandmother in the garden because it meant she got to taste all the delicious vegetables.



"Are you eating more than you're putting in that basket?" Grandma asked with a smile.

"Sorry, Grandma." Rebecca giggled. "Your vegetables taste so much better than the ones Mom buys from the store. I wish I could eat your vegetables all the time."

Grandma wrinkled her forehead in thought. "I might have an idea." She went into the house with the tomatoes she'd picked and put some in a bag. "You may take these home with you."

Rebecca smiled. "Thanks, Grandma."

Grandma got her car keys, and they headed back to Rebecca's house. But before they reached their exit, Grandma turned off the road and pulled up to a garden center.

"What are we doing?" Rebecca asked. "Do you need something for your garden?"

"No, we need something for *your* garden," Grandma said, getting out of the car.

Rebecca followed her into the garden center, not sure what Grandma was talking about. Grandma got a cart and loaded it up with a small tomato plant, a green pepper plant, a bag of soil, and some big pots. "There, that should do it."

They paid and Rebecca helped Grandma put the things in the car. "What's all this for, Grandma?"

"When I was a little girl, I had a garden on my back deck."

"On your deck?"

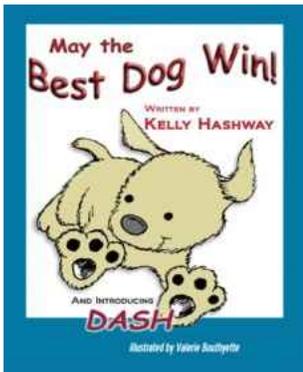
"Yes. My grandmother had a big vegetable garden in her yard and I wanted one, but we didn't have a big enough yard for it. So, she bought me some potted vegetable plants, and I grew my own on the deck."

Grandma pulled into Rebecca's driveway, and Rebecca helped her unload the items they'd bought. "Thanks, Grandma. Will you help me set it all up?"

"Sure, sweetie, on one condition." Grandma wrapped her arm around Rebecca's shoulder. "Don't you go growing bigger, juicier vegetables than me," Grandma said with a laugh.

Rebecca smiled, thinking of how she'd have her own fresh vegetables growing on her deck very soon.

About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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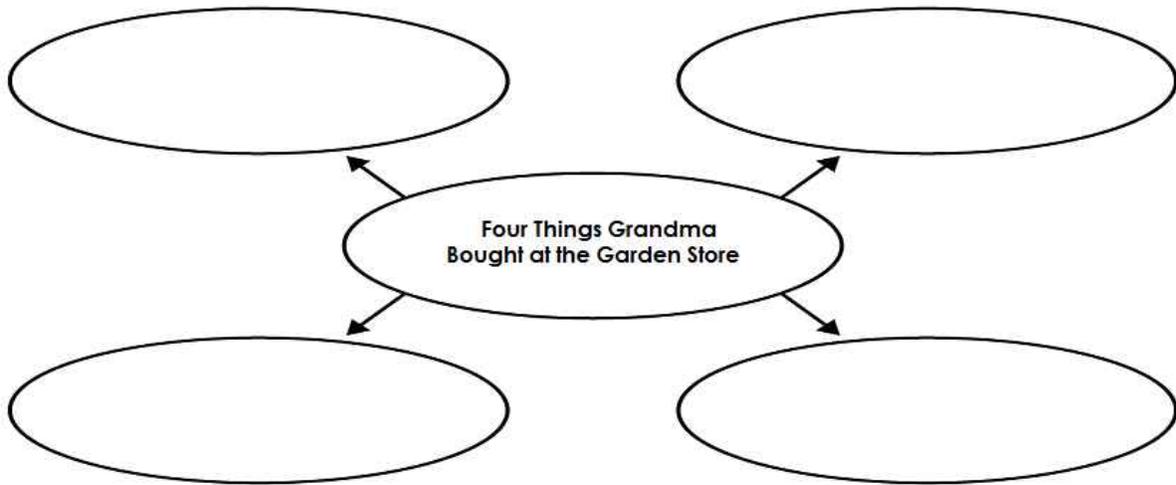


1. Name two things that Rebecca's grandma grows in her garden.

2. How did Rebecca feel when she went into the garden center with her grandma?

- a. Excited, because she knew grandma was going to help her make a garden.
- b. Disappointed, because she would no longer be able to visit grandma's garden.
- c. Happy, because she loved it when her grandma bought gifts.
- d. Confused, because she didn't know why they were at the store.

3. Complete the graphic organizer.



4. Choose the two words from the box that best describe Rebecca's grandma.

curious *generous* *hungry* *athletic* *caring*

Tell why you chose the two words above.

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

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| 1. _____ pepper | a. good-tasting |
| 2. _____ exit | b. remove items from a car, cart, truck, etc. |
| 3. _____ deck | c. dirt or earth in which plants are grown |
| 4. _____ driveway | d. road used to get off of a busy highway |
| 5. _____ unload | e. small road that leads up to a house |
| 6. _____ juicier | f. green or red vegetable, often spicy |
| 7. _____ delicious | g. wooden patio on a house |
| 8. _____ soil | h. more juicy |

❖ **Now try this:** Write a sentence using each of the vocabulary words above.