

The little seed

Reading, thinking and a little imagination.

Name: _____

Suggested time: 25 minutes

Comprehension: 10 marks | Writing: 6 marks

Read the story

Maya found a tiny seed beside the garden gate. It was brown and smooth, with a pale stripe down one side. She carried it carefully to her grandfather.

"Shall we see what it becomes?" he asked.

They filled a small pot with soil. Maya pushed the seed gently into the earth and gave it a little water. She put the pot on the kitchen windowsill, where the morning sun could reach it.

Every day, Maya looked for a leaf. For five days, nothing changed.

On the sixth morning, a green shoot poked through the soil.

Maya ran to fetch her grandfather.

"It was busy growing where we could not see," he said.

Maya smiled. She decided to draw the plant each week, so she could remember how a tiny seed had started something new.

You can look back at the story when answering the questions.

01 Where did Maya find the seed? [1]

02 Write two things the story tells you about the seed. [2]

03 Why was the kitchen windowsill a good place for the pot? [1]

04 How many days passed before Maya saw the shoot? [1]

- 05** How do you think Maya felt when she saw the shoot? [2]
Give a reason from the story.

- 06** In the story, what does "gently" mean? [1]
Circle one: carefully loudly quickly

- 07** Why did Maya decide to draw the plant each week? [2]

Before you turn the page

Read your answers again. Have you explained your ideas clearly?

