

# Virtues

# TEACHER Grow a plant

## WHAT YOU NEED

Printed Instruction sheet, one per child. Items listed. Coloured pencils.

#### **KEY COMPETENCIES**

Thinking	~
Using language, symbols, and texts	~
Managing self	~
Relating to others	~
Participating and contributing	~

# VALUESExcellenceInnovation, inquiry, and curiosityDiversityEquityCommunity and participationEcological sustainabilityIntegrity

# INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Use any fast growing seeds you like. Flowers are the most satisfying plant to grow, as they quickly show children the result of their work and care. These will also make great presents. Flower seeds that germinate in less than 14 days and produce a blossom within 70 days are considered fast growing.
- 2. Create a discussion about being patient. What is patience? Patience means waiting and taking turns while staying calm. It also means waiting without complaining or asking over and over again. Patience is also trying something again and again until you get it right. Why do we need to be patient? Being patient helps us to listen to others and to think about how other people feel. Why is being patient so difficult? You want something now and don't want to wait.
- 3. Ask the children to colour in their instruction sheet, using any colours they would like.
- **4.** Follow steps 1 5 in this lesson.
- 5. Check the plants daily as they grow and remind the children to water them on a regular basis.

\*Each child can paint or decorate a pot for his or her plant. This is done the day before planting so the paint has time to dry.



Instruction Sheet

# You will need:

Grow a plant

Years 1/2

- One flower pot per child
- 🗸 Soil
- Seeds
- Trowl
- ✓ Watering can









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Items listed. Instruction sheet - Display this on a large screen and print off a master copy, for yourself.

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- **3.** The steps on the instruction sheet are not in the correct order. Display the instruction sheet on a large screen and ask the children to guess the correct order for the steps. Write the correct numbers in the boxes on your master copy and display this in the classroom or near the plants.
- 4. Follow steps 1 5 in this lesson.
- 5. Check the plants daily as they grow and remind the children to water them on a regular basis.

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 Years 2/3
 Instruction Sheet

# You will need:

- One flower pot per child
- Soil
- ✓ Seeds
- Trowl
- ✓ Watering can



STEP	STEP	STEP
Get the flower pot.	Your plant has grown.	Put soil in the pot.







# **Rewarding Behaviour**



#### WHAT YOU NEED

**Reward chart** - There are 3 different charts for children to chose from. Print the selected charts out, one per child. **Stickers -** Cut stickers out to be added to the chart when they have been earnt.

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# INSTRUCTIONS

**The reward chart.** This uses positive reinforcement to encourage children to show good behaviours. Whenever the child demonstrates a good behaviour, a sticker is added to the chart.

- Years 1/2 Stickers should be pretty easy to earn and be awarded often (daily, or several times per day). When the child has collected enough stickers to complete the chart, they will earn a reward. Rewards should vary and be based on the child's interest, age, and availability.
- 2. Although some children are better than others at delaying gratification, most children would rather have immediate rewards.

**Create a discussion** - If you were offered 1 lolly now. you could eat eat it straight away. However, if you said no and you waited until break time (or another time marker), you could have 5 lollies. Which one would you pick? How many children in your class would resist an immediate reward and show patience by waiting for one that is bigger or better?

**3.** Display each childs reward chart in the classroom, as a visual reminder of their progress. Remember to celebrate the success of each child with the rest of the class, as they reach their goal.

\*Any types of stickers can be used.



# Years 1/2/3 Rewarding behaviour

Cut out the reward sticker templates



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#### WHAT YOU NEED

A large area with many possible places to hide. This can be played inside or outside.

**Hide and Seek** 

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# INSTRUCTIONS

The tradditional game of hide and seek is a game that helps children learn to be patient. Children who are

1. "hiding" will have to show patience as they wait to be found, and children who are "seeking" have to show patience, while they count slowly to 10 (years 1/2) or 20 (years 2/3) and then find each player.

2. Chose a seeker, known as "it," to start.

The seeker must close their eyes and face a wall away from the players. While the seeker counts, the other players look for hiding places and once they are positioned, they cannot move.

The seeker will now count to the agreed number. Once the seeker has finished counting, the hiding players

- **4.** must stay as quiet as possible until they are found. They are not allowed to change hiding places once the seeker has finished counting.
- 5. The player found last wins the game and becomes the seeker for the next round.



30-40 mins

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# WHAT YOU NEED

Music player

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**Musical Statues** 

# VALUES

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. In this activity, everyone dances as the music plays.
- 2. Chose one player to act as a look-out, so that they can see when players are moving or unable to hold their position.
- **3.** When the music stops, each player must freeze immediately and hold that exact position, keeping their balance and not moving, until the music starts again.
- 4. If a player does not freeze immediately, they must complete 10 star jumps at the start of the next round before rejoining the dance.
- 5. This version of musical statues is a dance game, so it is better for players not to get "out." However, it can also be played so that players are "out" if they are still moving when the music stops.

