

READING TASKS

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You will need:

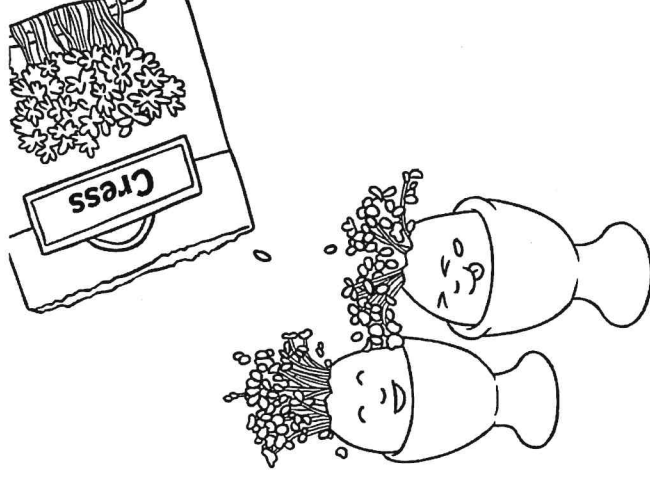
- Eggs
- Cotton wool
- Felt tips
- Cress seeds

The Activity:

Cress seeds are easy and quick to grow on damp cotton wool. In this activity you can make an eggshell into a funny face with cress hair!

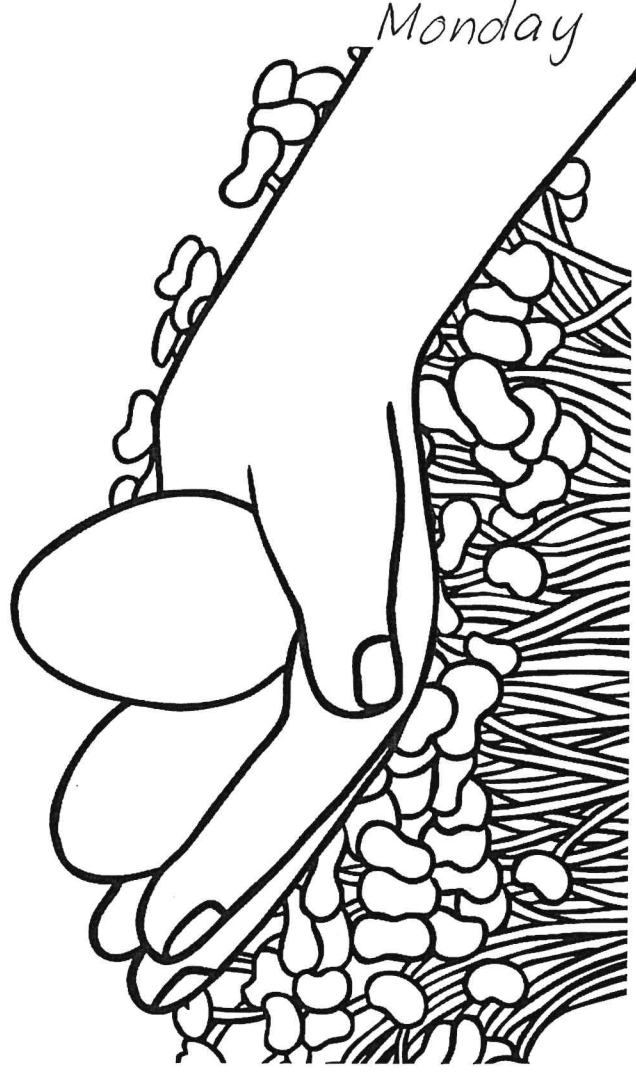
Instructions:

1. Depending on how you want to use the eggs, you can either hard boil them and eat them for breakfast, or crack the shells and put the raw egg to one side to use later. Either way, try to crack the shell as near to the pointed end as possible. You can throw away the smaller piece of shell.
2. Wash the inside of the eggshell carefully and let it dry.
3. Using felt tips, draw a face on the eggshell. Make it as funny, silly or unusual as you like. You only need to draw the features of the face, not an oval face shape.
4. Fill the eggshell with cotton wool and pour in enough water to make it damp.
5. Sprinkle cress seeds onto the top of the cotton wool.
6. Put your eggshell in a light place but out of direct sunlight. Keep it well watered but not waterlogged.
7. In a few days, your egg should start to grow its cress 'hair'.



Hints and Tips

- Wash your hands after touching raw egg.
- You can sit your eggshell on an eggcup, or you could make a 'body' for it out of a slice of cardboard tube. You can decorate the tube to look like clothes if you like.
- You may have some cress seeds left over. Put some damp cotton wool into a plastic tray (the ones that contain vegetables at the supermarket are good for this) and sprinkle the rest of the seeds onto it. Once the cress has grown, cut it with scissors and use in a sandwich or a salad.
- If you have leftover raw egg, ask your helper if you can use it to make a cake.



Inference First Level

Text One

Tina's heart was beating fast and her tummy was in knots. She looked at the clock. It was only one minute later than when she had last looked at it. For the hundredth time she peered out the window and looked both ways down the street, there was no sign of anyone. She let the curtain fall back down and turned away, sighing loudly. Just then, the letterbox clattered and Tina squealed. It was here!

1. What was Tina waiting for?

- a) a telephone call ☐
- b) the post ☐
- c) someone to come to the door ☐



What were the clues in the text?

2. How was Tina feeling?

- a) nervous ☐
- b) happy ☐
- c) bored ☐

What were the clues in the text?

Text Two

All around Gerry there was chatting and laughing. There was music adding to the noise and beautiful smells kept wafting past him. Staff in white shirts and black trousers or skirts were zooming around, looking very busy and important. He looked at his menu and tried to make a decision. Across the table from him, Joyce had a puzzled look on her face. It was clear she was having the same problem he was.

1. Where are Gerry and Joyce?

- a) a restaurant ☐
- b) a cinema ☐
- c) a shopping centre ☐



What were the clues in the text?

2. Do you think this was a popular place?

- a) no ☐
- b) yes ☐
- c) can't tell ☐

What were the clues in the text?

Text Three

"Yeeeeesssss! Goooaalll!" screamed Alfie as he jumped up and down celebrating. All around him supporters were doing the same thing and the noise was deafening. Alfie whirled his scarf around his head. The players kicked the ball back and forth between them.

Minutes later, Alfie was sitting with his head in his hands and the ball was back on its way to the centre spot to restart. The disappointment on Alfie's side of the ground was very clear. The supporters were silent.

1. What is Alfie watching?

- a) a basketball game ☐
- b) a hockey game ☐
- c) a football match ☐



What were the clues in the text?

2. What do you think happens that makes Alfie feel disappointed?

- a) his team scored again ☐
- b) someone was sent off ☐
- c) the other team scored ☐

What were the clues in the text?
