

Shelly's Garden Surprise

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Shelly and her grandma grew vegetables in their garden each summer. Shelly's grandma told her it was a good way for them to save money, and she loved helping her grandma. Shelly liked watching the little green sprouts as they grew bigger and bigger.

Shelly's job was to pick the vegetables. "Shelly, it is time for you to dig up all the carrots," said

Grandma. Shelly loved digging up the carrots best of all. She got to pull them up out of the dirt, and sometimes she would see worms! She took her basket to the row of carrots. She dug up one carrot, then two, and then three. Her basket was getting full! Shelly saw that some of the carrots were missing from the row. "Grandma, come look! Some of our carrots are gone!" she called. Grandma came over to see what all the fuss was about.

Just then, the plants in the next row started shaking. Shelly and her grandma heard a crunching sound. They peeked over a row of lettuce and saw a little brown rabbit eating carrots! Shelly was so surprised! "*Here* is what has been taking our carrots!" laughed Grandma. "Here you are little rabbit," said Grandma as she handed him one of the carrots from Shelly's basket. The rabbit wiggled its nose and hopped away, making sure to pick up the carrot Grandma gave him in his mouth.

Shelly and her grandma had a good laugh about their little garden visitor. They spent the rest of the day digging up the carrots and picking vegetables. Shelly made sure she left a carrot by the row of lettuce just in case the rabbit came back for a snack.



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 - C. Samantha and Shelly
 - D. Grandma and Turtle

2. How did Shelly feel when she saw the rabbit eating their carrots?
 - A. Angry
 - B. Scared
 - C. Surprised
 - D. Sleepy

3. What did Grandma say when she saw the rabbit eating carrots?
 - A. "Rabbits don't eat carrots!"
 - B. "Poor little rabbit. He must be hungry!"
 - C. "No, don't eat our carrots!"
 - D. "Here is what has been taking our carrots!"

4. When did Shelly and Grandma grow vegetables in their garden?
 - A. Each fall
 - B. Each summer
 - C. Each winter
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