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Tara had read so much about disappearing trees and their ill-effect on climate that she wished she could do something to plant more trees.

Then she had a bright idea! At least she could plant a small vegetable or flowering plant. Tara got up and went to the kitchen to see what part of a vegetable she could plant.

But first she had to find a container. Then she had to arrange some soil. Since Tara lived in an apartment/flat, she had only two terraces with potted plants. She heard the doorbell ring, it was the milkman.

The milkman was a very friendly person. He was always telling Tara about his farming activities. Tara got a brain wave, she will ask the milk man to get some soil for her from his farm. So one thing was arranged. Now she had to look for a container.

Tara thought hard...pot in which her mom cooked? She will be in trouble for using that pot! Wooden crate her brother used for keeping his shoes? She will be in greater trouble! She looked in every cupboard...no success. Then she opened the refrigerator. Voila! She saw 2 liter plastic water bottle. Tara quickly took out the bottle. She poured the water in the bottle into the washing machine...she did not want to waste water. She gave the bottle to the friendly milk man. She asked the milk man to take the bottle and bring it the next day with soil in it. Tara began to wait for the next day.

The doorbell rang, it was the milkman. He had sawed

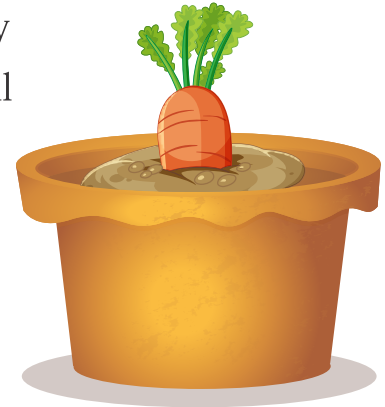
Hi!
I am Tara



off the bottle top so now it had a wide mouth. Tara quickly took the bottle, thanking the milkman profusely. It had soil and even an earthworm in it!

Now that was even better...she knew that earthworms made the soil fertile. Tara took a carrot top which her mom had left for her and buried it in the soil.

The very top part was above the soil. She poured some fresh water on it and placed her newly acquired potted plant in a sunny spot on the terrace. Soon time flew by and Tara could see tiny green leaves sprouting. Her first endeavour was successful. She started to plan more.



New Words

1. **Disappearing-** when something gradually becomes less or no longer exists
2. **Environment-** the natural world and the living things in it
3. **Earthworms-** a type of worm that lives in soil and helps to improve soil quality.

Find other new and interesting words for each other, and write their meanings in your notebooks.

Comprehension

1. What did Tara wish to do?
2. What bright idea did Tara get?
3. What all did Tara need to make her own potted plant?
4. Who arranged for soil for the potted plant?
5. What part of the carrot did Tara use in her pot?
6. What type of container did Tara use to plant the carrot top?
7. What creature found in the soil enriches the soil?

Take turns to make more questions like these above for each other and answer them.

Prompts Pair up

1. **Plant Your Own Vegetable or Flower:**
Find a small container, such as a plastic water bottle or a yogurt cup, and fill it with soil. Choose a vegetable or flowering plant to grow, like a carrot top, a bean, or a small flower seed. Plant your chosen item in the soil and water it regularly. Observe and discuss the growth process together.
2. **The Great Carrot Race:**
Each pair plants a carrot top in a small container filled with soil, making sure the top part of the carrot is exposed above

the soil. Place all containers in a sunny spot, and water them regularly. Observe the growth of the tiny green leaves and track each plant's progress. Whichever pair's carrot plant grows the tallest in a set amount of time wins the race.

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