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COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES



What is a terrarium? A terrarium is a special green house. If you have seen a plant in a bottle, you have seen a terrarium.

These glass planters are very different from other types. First of all, these plants don't need to be watered. They can be indoors and don't need to be exposed to direct sunlight.

To make a terrarium, you first find a glass bottle with a lid or a small opening. Then you find some small rocks to put on the bottom. The rocks are used to provide drainage. Next, you put in a small amount of crushed charcoal to keep the soil sweet. Finally, a sterilized soil mixture is put in the bottle. You are then ready for the plants. The plants must be small, they must also be varieties that do not grow very much. You can put them into the bottle with a stretched-out wire clothes hanger or some other long instrument.

After completing a terrarium, you add a few drops of water to the soil. That is all the watering you do. Then you are ready to watch your terrarium take care of itself. What's a terrarium? You could call it a bottled garden. Try one. They're simple to make. Building them might even become a hobby for you.

1. This article is about:
 - (a) sunlight
 - (b) a glass bottle
 - (c) a terrarium
 - (d) rocks
2. Crushed charcoal is used for:
 - (a) burning
 - (b) darkening
 - (c) sterilizing
 - (d) keeping the soil sweet
3. The plants must be:
 - (a) green
 - (b) large
 - (c) small
 - (d) hungry
4. Where do you put the small rocks:
 - (a) in the bottom
 - (b) in the middle
 - (c) on top
 - (d) just under the soil
5. Put in time order:
 - (a) put in crushed charcoal
 - (b) soil mixture is put in the bottle
 - (c) find a glass bottle
 - (d) put small rocks in the bottom
6. In this story, sterilized means:
 - (a) unclean
 - (b) germ-free
 - (c) dark
 - (d) light
7. These plants:
 - (a) feed themselves
 - (b) turn yellow
 - (c) need direct sunlight
 - (d) wilt at night
8. What will the plant need after you have completed your terrarium
 - (a) water every month
 - (b) clean bottle every month
 - (c) nothing, it will take care of itself
 - (d) attention