## A Garden For One

By Kelly Hashway

Rebecca stood in her grandmother's garden and ate some fresh snap peas. The only thing she enjoyed more than the peas were the delicious tomatoes her grandmother grew. Rebecca had always loved helping her grandmother in the garden because it meant she got to taste all the delicious vegetables.

"Are you eating more than you're putting in that basket?" Grandma asked with a smile.



"Sorry, Grandma." Rebecca giggled. "Your vegetables taste so much better than the



they reached their exit, Grandma turned off the road and pulled up to a garden center.

"What are we doing?" Rebecca asked. "Do you need something for your garden?"

"No, we need something for your garden," Grandma said, getting out of the car.

Rebecca followed her into the garden center, not sure what Grandma was talking about. Grandma got a cart and loaded it up with a small tomato plant, a green pepper plant, a bag of soil, and some big pots. "There, that should do it."

They paid and Rebecca helped Grandma put the things in the car. "What's all this for, Grandma?"

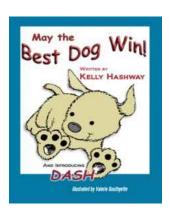
"When I was a little girl, I had a garden on my back deck."

"On your deck?"

"Yes. My grandmother had a big vegetable garden in her yard and I wanted one, but we didn't have a big enough yard for it. So, she bought me some potted vegetable plants, and I grew my own on the deck."



#### **About the Author**



Kelly Hashway's picture book, May the Best Dog Win, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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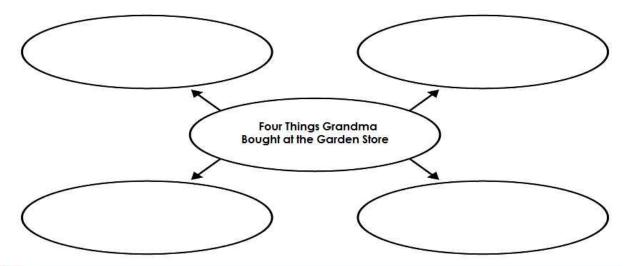
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1. Name two things that Rebecca's grandma grows in her garden.



- 2. How did Rebecca feel when she went into the garden center with her grandma?
  - **a.** Excited, because she knew grandma was going to help her make a garden.
  - **b.** Disappointed, because she would no longer be able to visit grandma's garden.
  - **c.** Happy, because she loved it when her grandma bought gifts.
  - **d.** Confused, because she didn't know why they were at the store.
- **3.** Complete the graphic organizer.



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**2.** \_\_\_\_ exit

**b.** remove items from a car, cart, truck, etc.

3. deck

c. dirt or earth in which plants are grown

**4.** driveway

d. road used to get off of a busy highway

**5.** unload

e. small road that leads up to a house



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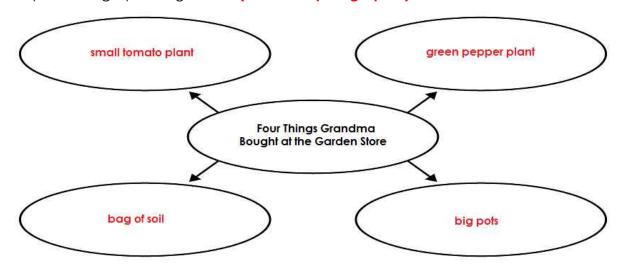
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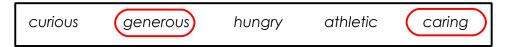
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3. Complete the graphic organizer. (answer in paragraph 9)



**4.** Choose two words from the box that best describe Rebecca's grandma.



Tell why you chose the two words above.

She is generous because she gives Rebecca tomatoes to take home. She also buys her everything she needs to start her own garden. She is caring because she spends time teaching Rebecca how to plant a garden.

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g. wooden patio on a house

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- **h.** more juicy
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