

GRADE

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Leveled Reader in English

Neighbors



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Jake and Jack live side by side.
They each have a
garden. They each want to win.
Jack won last year.
Jake won two years ago.



Jack has five prize roses.
A prize rose is a special rose.
The people will look at them and
think that his is the best garden.



Jake has a secret plan.
Last year, he ran out of time.
All his cute flowers did not
bloom. They were late. On the
day of the contest, his garden
was just green.



Jake sees Jack in his garden with a hose. He says, “Hi Jack! How is your garden?”

Jack looks at Jake and says, “Hi Jake, mine is fine. How is your garden?”

Jake says, “Fine, fine. I have a secret plan. I will win!”



“Oh, what is your plan?” says Jack.

“I can’t tell you,” says Jake, “it is a secret. If I tell you, it is not a secret.”

They each want to win.

Phonics: Words with *short* and *long* vowel sounds

Write 2 words of each kind and ask your partner to read them.

<i>Short a</i>	<i>Long a</i> ending with “e”
<i>Short i</i>	<i>Long i</i> ending with “e”
<i>Short o</i>	<i>Long o</i> ending with “e”
<i>Short u</i>	<i>Long u</i> ending with “e”

Spelling Words

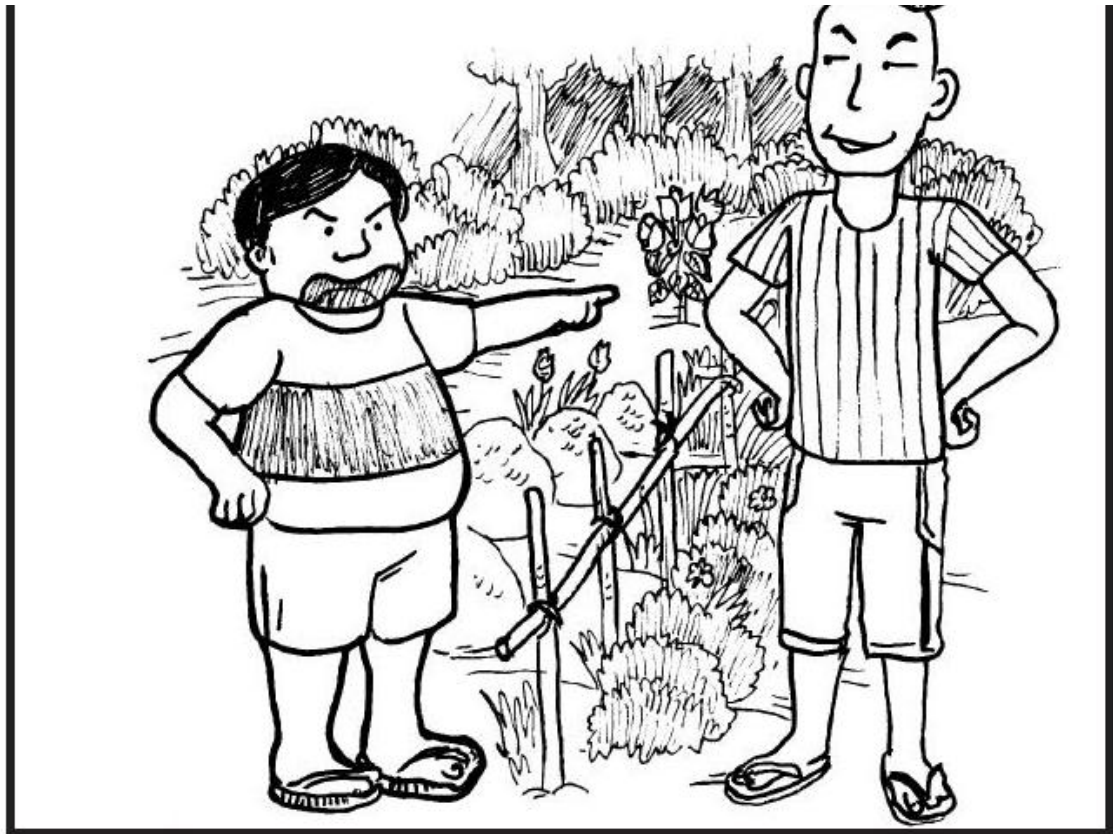
each	lake	dome	tune	time
that	cot	fun	kin	special



The next day, Jack gets up early.

It is dark. He goes to Jake's garden to find the secret.

He looks at tall plants. He looks at the short plants. He looks at each plant. Not one is special.



Later, Jack sees Jake. He says, "Look at my roses. They are bigger and fuller than your roses. They are redder than your roses. They are special." Jake says, "Yes they are!" Jack says, "I will win with my roses."

"I don't think so," says Jake. "I have a secret plan!"



Jack wants to know what the secret plan is. He will not win if Jake has a secret plan. What is it?

What is that secret plan?

He yells, “Aaahhh!!!!!!”



Jack goes for a walk. He goes down the lane. He walks nine blocks, past the market. He finds a new street. He has never walked on this street. “Oh! My!” he yells. His face gets red. What does he see? What will he do?

Grammar: Copy these adjectives in your notebook and change them to comparative degree.

Positive	Comparative	Positive	Comparative
small	smaller	nice	nicer
long		wide	
loud		late	
tall		cute	
full		fine	

Read them to your partner.
Choose one and write a sentence.
Read your sentence to your partner.

Vocabulary Words

plant (noun), plant (verb),
flowers, gardens, rake, trim, weeds



The next day, Jake and Jack hop in a truck. They drive and stop to look at the new garden.

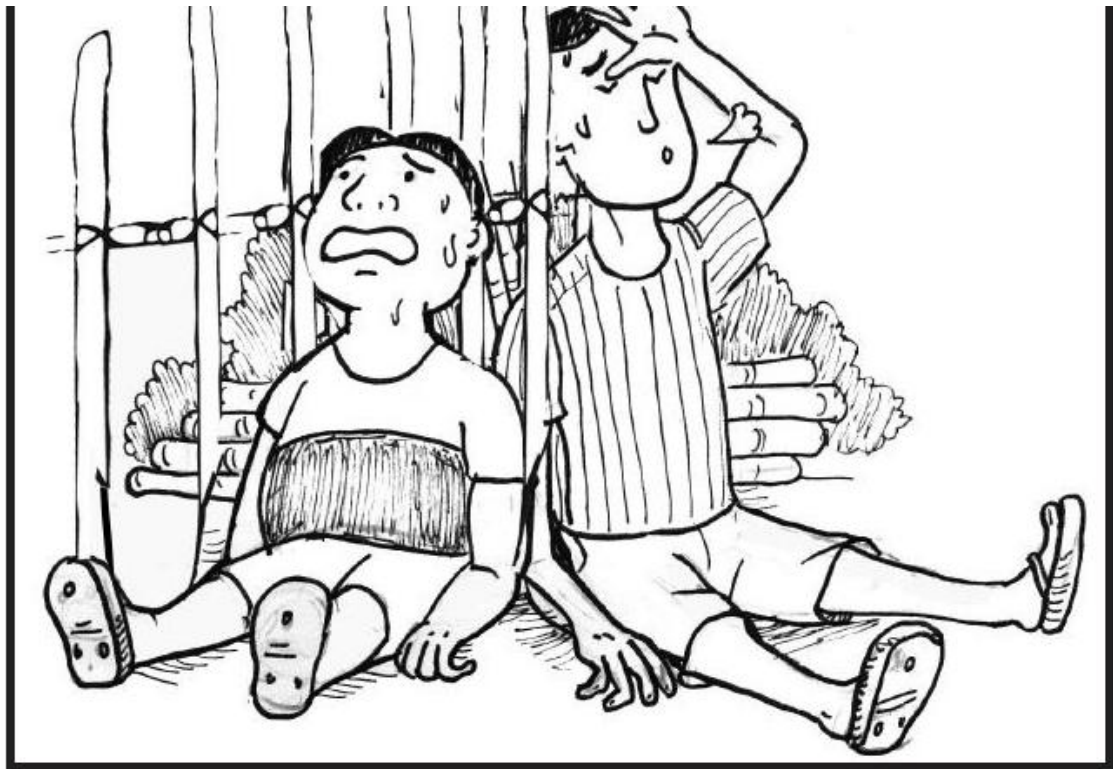
“Oh my!” says Jake.

“I told you!” says Jack.

They drive back home. They think about what to do.



Jack and Jake each has a plan. They pick rocks. They fix the sticks and poles. They get rid of the junk and water the sick plants. They dig more holes.



Later, they look at their gardens.
Each garden looks nicer, but the new garden at the back of the market is the nicest.
What will they do? How will they win?



Jack asks Jake about his secret plan. Jake tells him he has a better plan. He tells Jack he will tell him his new plan. Jack smiles. He feels better.

Differentiate words with final **-k**, **-ck**, **-ke**

Find words with the endings **-k**, **-ck** and **-ke**. Sort them in three columns in your notebook.

-k	-ck	-ke

Read them to your partner.
Choose 2 words and make a sentence with each of them.

Spelling Words

about fake duck clock seek

around snack take week strike



Jake tells Jack about the new plan. He shows him the great, huge vine he has.

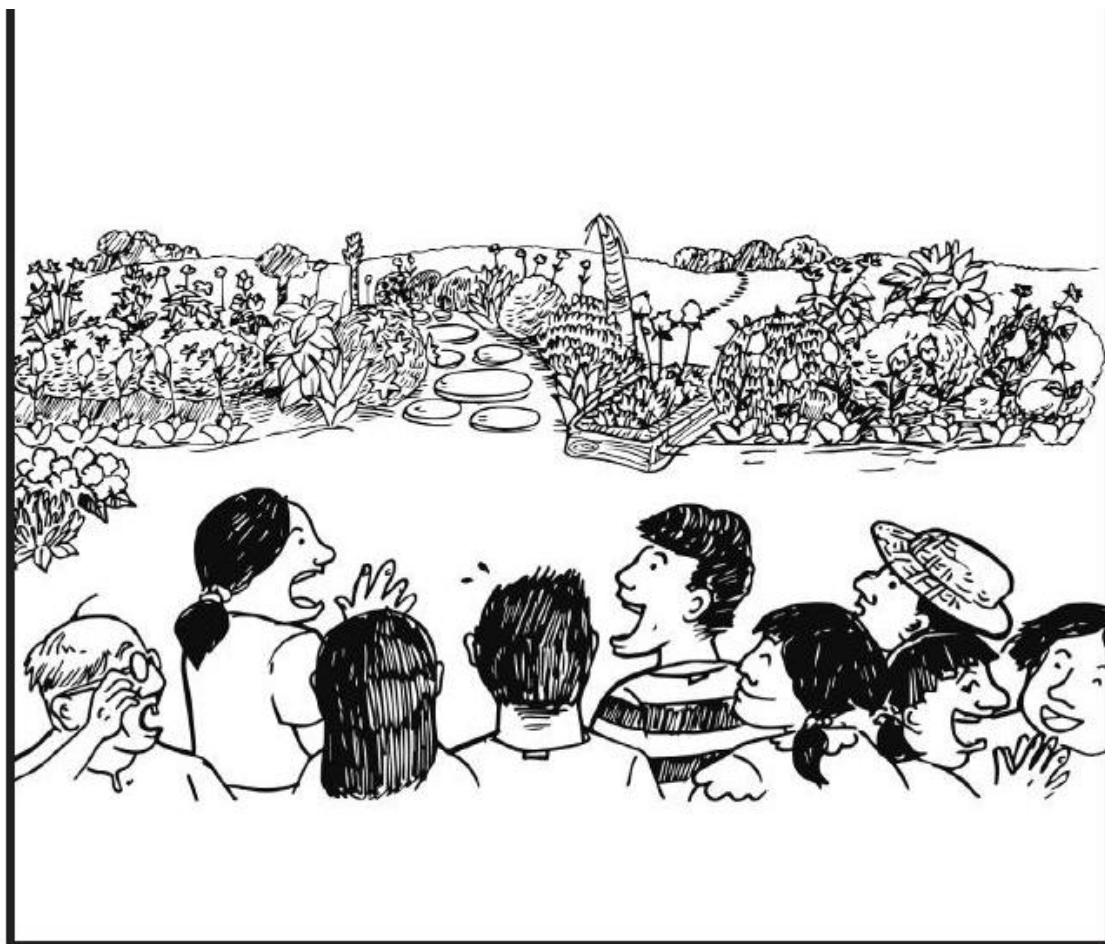
They go outside and take down the fence.



They use a rope. They put the vine where the fence was. Jack plants more flowers. Jake plants more flowers. Jake and Jack now have one big beautiful garden.



Jake picks up the junk. Jack picks up the rope. They fix the gate. They plant and they water their new big garden. They step back and look at the new big garden to see what to do.

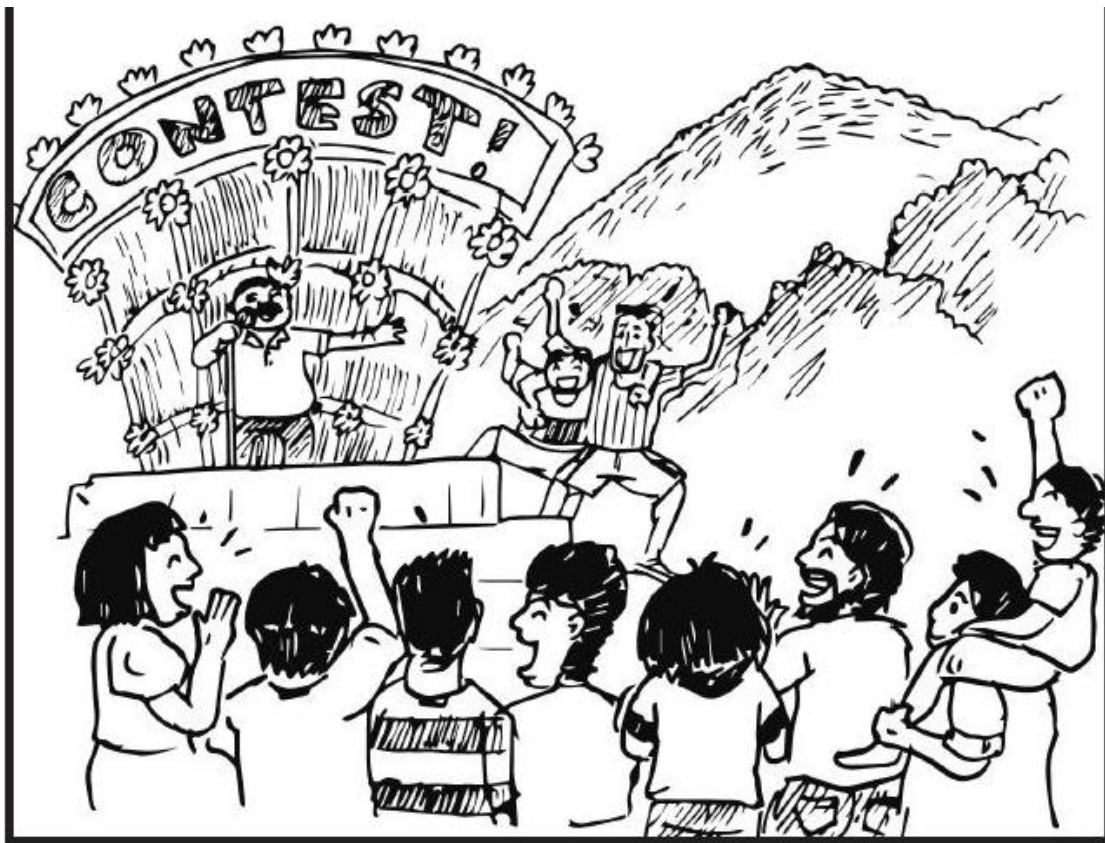


Today, the people will vote for the best garden. The people walk around and look at the gardens.

Some say, “Ooohhh!”

Others say, “Aaahhh!”

Many people like the new garden at the back of the market.



The votes are in. Jack and Jake are on their toes. Who will win?

“Today the winner for the best garden is... Jack and Jake.”

The people clap.

“Oh!” Jack says, “Thank you, Jake for your big vine.”

Jake says, “Thank you, Jack for your roses.”

Grammar: Copy these adjectives in your notebook and change them to comparative and superlative degrees.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
big low new hard rich	bigger	biggest

Read them to your partner.
Choose one in each column and write a sentence using each adjective correctly.
Read your sentences to your partner.

Vocabulary Words

pick, water (noun), water (verb),
hose, dig, roses, vine, hole, tie,
poles

I am Special because...

An Acrostic Poem

Write your first name in your notebook the way Jake did.

J
A
K
E

For each letter, write a three or four word phrase that begins with the first letter and tells why you are special. For example:

Joins in the garden contest
Always a good neighbor
Keeps trying to do his best
Enjoys having a secret plan

Draw a picture in your notebook
about the acrostic poem you just
created.



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