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I planted my seed with care and love.
Carefully, I covered it with soil from my spade.
I moved the pot so that it was out of the shade.

I gave her a name. I called her Val.
She became my friend, my buddy, my pal.
Every day, she would be fed
drops of water over her head.

It took ages to see the leaves sprout.
This made me angry. I started to shout,
"Val seems to be growing so slow.
How did Jack get his beanstalk to grow?"

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Does talking to plants help them grow tall?
I had nothing to lose. She was so small.
I read her a book, sang her a song.
We played a quiz. Lots of her answers were wrong.

Three months later, the stem had grown high,
green and waving towards the sky.
The petals were golden like the sun.
I felt happy. At this rate, I had won.

I brought beautiful Val into year one.
I felt confident. The challenge was done.
I looked around and my face began to fall.
She was the shortest sunflower of them all.

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Questions

1. What colour is the pot? Tick one.
   - ◯ green
   - ◯ blue
   - ◯ red

2. What is the name of the sunflower? Tick one.
   - ◯ Val
   - ◯ Mrs Finn
   - ◯ Sam

3. What did the child do when they felt angry? Tick one.
   - ◯ cry
   - ◯ shout
   - ◯ laugh

4. What is the missing word? Tick one.
   Does _____ to plants help them grow tall?
   - ◯ talking
   - ◯ dancing
   - ◯ smiling

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   - ◯ seeds
   - ◯ leaves
   - ◯ petals

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1. How long did it take for the sunflower to grow fully? Tick one
   - ◯ three days
   - ◯ three weeks
   - ◯ three months
   - ◯ three years

2. Draw **three** lines and match each question to its answer.

What year group was the child in?	Mrs Finn
What did the child call the sunflower?	Val
Who set the sunflower challenge?	one

3. Number the events from 1-3 to show the order that they happen in the poem.
   - ☐ The child read the sunflower a book.
   - ☐ The child planted a seed.
   - ☐ The child moved the pot out of the shade.

4. Fill in the missing word.

   It took ages to see the leaves _____.

5. Find and copy one word which shows that there was a small amount of water given to the sunflower.

   _____

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   drops

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   Tick **two**.
   - ◯ told jokes
   - ◯ read a book
   - ◯ sang a song
   - ◯ drew a picture

2. Draw **three** lines and match each question to its answer.

How are the petals described?	red
What adjective is used to describe the pot?	green and waving
How is the stem described?	golden like the sun

3. Fill in the missing word.
   I brought _____ Val into year one.

4. What did the child do after they covered the seed with soil?
   _____

5. Look at the final verse.
   Find and copy one word which shows that the child felt sure that they were going to win the challenge.
   _____

6. How do you think the child felt when they realised that their sunflower was the shortest in the year group?
   _____
   _____
   _____

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3. Fill in the missing word.

   I brought **beautiful** Val into year one.

4. What did the child do after they covered the seed with soil?
   The child moved the pot out of the shade after they covered the seed with soil.

5. Look at the final verse.
   Find and copy one word which shows that the child felt sure that they were going to win the challenge.
   confident

6. How do you think the child felt when they realised that their sunflower was the shortest in the year group?
   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the child felt sad when they realised that their sunflower was the shortest in the year group because they had worked so hard to make it grow tall and they thought that they might win the project.