

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW 133A: UNDERGROUND SOUP

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Olive and Ari's Question: Where do carrots grow?

Logline: Elinor's in bed with a case of the sniffles, so Olive and Ari decide to make some soup to help her feel better, but they can't find the carrots.

CURRICULUM GOALS

LS8. Begin to understand that there are many different kinds of living things and how they may be the same or different:
a. Observe and describe similarities and differences across different types of plants.
c. Group different kinds of living things into categories based on basic similarities and differences
(Olive and Ari learn there are many different kinds of veggies that grow in different ways, then they group together root vegetables, where the edible parts grow underground).

SEP2. Developing and using models

a. Represent observable, concrete objects, events, and findings in many different ways
b. Distinguish between a model and the actual object, process, and/or events it represents

c. Use simple models to support explanations
(Ari and Olive draw pictures of the veggies they hope to harvest, and then compare their models to the actual veggies.)

SEP3. Planning and carrying out investigations

a. Identify and use a greater variety of tools to extend the senses for observing, measuring, and recording data about objects and events

b. Compare and contrast objects and events by describing similarities and differences in detail

(Olive and Ari use Olive's notebook to record information and compare and contrast their pictures to the pictures of the veggies.)

SEP8. Obtaining, evaluating and communicating information

c. Describe observable phenomena using adjectives and labels

d. Use basic science and engineering practice vocabulary when engaged in investigations

e. Use basic science and engineering content vocabulary when investigating and describing observable phenomena

f. Share findings and explanations (correct or incorrect) through a variety of methods (Olive and Ari use basic science vocabulary when describing the veggies, and they share what

they discovered with Mr. Rabbit.

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1. EXT. ELINOR'S HOUSE - DAY

Olive and Ari arrive at Elinor's house, playfully <SFX: GIGGLING> ready for a great play day, Ari <SFX: KNOCKS> and Mr. Rabbit opens the door.

1	ARI	1
	Hi, Mister Rabbit. Can Elinor come out and play?	
2	MR. RABBIT	2
	Sorry, kids. Elinor can't play outside today, she's in bed with a sore foot.	
3	OLIVE	3
	(with concern)	
	Oh, no! What happened?	
4	MR. RABBIT	4
	Nothing to worry about, just a little bunny-hopping accident.	
5	ARI	5
	Can we visit her? Maybe we can cheer her up.	
6	MR. RABBIT	6
	That's a really nice idea, kids. She'll be so glad to see you.	

Off they go.

2. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM - DAY

The kids stay by the door as Mr. Rabbit enters and sits on Elinor's bed.

7	MR. RABBIT	7
	Hey, hunny bunny. You have some visitors.	
	Olive and Ari walk up to Elinor's bed.	
8	OLIVE	8
	Hi, Elinor, how are you feeling?	
9	ARI	9
	Does your foot hurt?	
10	ELINOR	10
	Yeah, a little. I'm not a hoppy bunny today.	

11	MR. RABBIT	11
	Not to worry, kids, Elinor will be better soon, she just needs to rest.	
12	ARI	12
	And then, have a snack! Snacks always make me feel better.	
13	OLIVE	13
	And stories! My Mom always reads me stories to cheer me up.	
14	ELINOR	14
	Oooh, stories. That sounds good.	
15	MR. RABBIT	15
	Luckily Elinor has her own official story-book reader.	
16	ARI	16
	(impressed) She DOES? Now THAT is cool!	
17	OLIVE	17
	(smiling) I think Mr. Rabbit is saying he's the story-book reader.	
18	MR. RABBIT	18
	Yep, that's me! And I'll be back in a sec to perform my official story-reading duties. Just let me show your visitors out.	
19	ELINOR	19
	Okay Daddy. Adventure stories please!	
20	ARI	20
	Bye, Elinor.	
21	OLIVE	21
	Get better soon.	
22	ELINOR	22
	Thanks for visiting me!	

3. INT. STAIRS/FRONT FOYER -- DAY

The kids and Mr. Rabbit walk down the stairs to the front door.

23	OLIVE	23
	I wish we could do something for Elinor to help her feel better.	
24	ARI	24
	HMMMM, sometimes when I'm not feeling good my mom makes me soup.	
25	MR. RABBIT	25
	Actually I was planning on making Elinor a batch of her favorite - Backyard Soup.	
26	OLIVE	26
	Backyard soup? What's Backyard Soup?	
27	ARI	27
	Backyard Soup is the yummiest soup ever, I had some with Elinor and her parents once. They make it with all the veggies they grow in the back yard.	
28	OLIVE	28
	Really? That sounds soooo delicious. Can we help you make it, Mr. Rabbit?	
29	MR. RABBIT	29
	Why sure, that would be great, kids. You could pick the veggies from the garden.	
He gestures towards the kitchen and they walk towards it.		
30	OLIVE	30
	We sure could! But which veggies should we pick?	

4. INT. KITCHEN -- DAY

They enter the kitchen.

31	MR. RABBIT	31
	Well, let's see. We'll need tomatoes, beans, beets and carrots to start.	
32	ARI	32
	Whoa that's a LOTTA veggies. How are we gonna remember all those?	

33 OLIVE 33
Can you make us a list, Mr. Rabbit?

Olive takes out her notebook and crayons and hands them to Mr. Rabbit, who draws on the kitchen table.

34 MR. RABBIT 34
Good idea Olive. First we need round, red tomatoes.

ANGLE ON: Mr. Rabbit draws tomatoes.

35 ARI 35
Then some long skinny green beans. I love those.

ANGLE ON: Mr. Rabbit draws long, skinny green beans.

36 OLIVE 36
Also some beets. Those are purple.

Mr. Rabbit draws purple beets with green tops.

37 MR. RABBIT 37
Okay, I think that's it for now.

38 ARI 38
Uhh, Mr. Rabbit, aren't you forgetting something...?

39 OLIVE 39
Elinor's FAVORITE...

40 MR. RABBIT 40
CARROTS! I almost forgot. Good thing I've got you kids around to help me out.
(he draws orange carrots with some green leafy tops)
So, can you two pick the veggies from the garden while I go and read to Elinor?

41 OLIVE 41
Sure thing, Mr. Rabbit, we're good helpers.

42 ARI 42
It's kind of our thing. Let's go get those veggies.

Olive waves her notebook as they head out to the garden. Mr. Rabbit waves back.

5. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM - DAY

Dad enters with Elinor's favorite adventure book and a glass of water.

43	MR. RABBIT	43
	Ready for a story, hunny bunny?	
44	ELINOR	44
	Yes, please, official story-book reader. An ADVENTURE story.	
45	MR. RABBIT	45
	Ah, yes. An ADVENTURE story. (he opens the books and reads)	
	It was a beautiful day for an adventure and our Brave Explorer...	
46	ELINOR	46
	Not just any Explorer Daddy... Explorer ELINOR.	
47	MR. RABBIT	47
	Of course, my mistake, Explorer ELINOR.	

6. EXT. BACK YARD -- DAY

In the back yard Olive and Ari search the garden.

48	OLIVE	48
	Okay, let's find these veggies. First, we need round red tomatoes.	
49	ARI	49
	Tomatoes, tomatoes, tomatoes - oh, there they are! They're growing on those plants.	
ANGLE ON: Plump red tomatoes high up on a staked tomato plant.		
50	OLIVE	50
	Wow! The tomatoes are so big the plants need to be held up by sticks.	
Ari adds them to the basket. Olive checks the list.		
51	OLIVE (CONT'D)	51
	That was easy. Next veggie, beans.	

60 ELINOR 60
 Wheeeeeeeee!! That IS an amazing
 adventure, official storybook
 reader.

61 MR. RABBIT 61
Glad you like it, Explorer Elinor.

8. EXT. ELINOR'S BACK YARD - DAY

Ari and Olive are almost finished with their list. They have gathered all the veggies except for the carrots.

62 OLIVE 62
Okay, we've almost finished our
list... all we need are beets.

63 ARI 63
 ...and carrots! You can't forget
 carrots!

64 OLIVE 64
Right, beets and carrots. Well,
those should be easy to find
because the beets are purple and
the carrots are orange.

65 ARI 65
Yep, they should be pretty easy to spot in all these green leaves.
Let's see... orange carrots..
Orange, orange, orange... Huh. I don't see any orange veggies.

Then Olive tries looking for the beets.

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66                                OLIVE                                66
Let's try the purple beets.
Purple, purple, purple... I don't
see any purple beets either.  Where
are they?
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9. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM - DAY

Mister Rabbit is in mid-sentence.

67 MR. RABBIT 67

...finally Explorer Elinor was
happy to be back in her nice comfy
bed, the end.

(MORE)

MR. RABBIT (CONT'D)
 (He hears a little <SFX:
 SNOORE> and looks over to
 see that Elinor has dozed
 off. He gives his
 daughter a little kiss on
 the forehead.)

Have a good rest, hunny bunny.

He tiptoes out.

10. EXT. ELINOR'S GARDEN -- DAY

Ari is looking around, as Olive checks the "harvesting list"
 one more time.

68	ARI	68
	Where are the carrots and beets? Mr. Rabbtit said we needed them for the soup so they must be around here somewhere. Hmmm. What would Elinor do?	

69	OLIVE	69
	She'd say, we need more observations! Let's look more closely at our veggie list.	

They both look at the list. ANGLE ON: The drawing of the
 carrot.

70	OLIVE (CONT'D)	70
	Wait a minute, Ari, look at this. The carrot isn't just the pointy orange part, it has these green leaves at the end. Maybe we should look for those leaves.	

71	ARI	71
	Good idea. (looks around) Look! Over there!	

Ari points. ANGLE ON: Carrot greens. Olive runs over and
 checks them out.

72	OLIVE	72
	This is it, Ari. These leaves look like the leaves in the drawing - green and fuzzy. But where is the pointy orange carrot part?	

Ari looks down really low.

73 ARI 73
Hey Olive, check this out!

ANGLE ON: Ari notices a tiny spot of orange poking out of the earth - he moves the dirt away.

74 OLIVE 74
Wow, it looks like the top of an
orange carrot, but it's buried
underground.

75 ARI 75
Should we dig it up?

Olive shrugs. The kids are considering what to do when Mr. Rabbit shows up.

76 MR. RABBIT 76

Hey kids, Elinor's asleep so I
thought I'd come out and give you
a...
(noticing)
...what are you looking at?

Mr. Rabbit gets down and joins them on the ground.

77 OLIVE 77
We're looking at a veggie mystery,
Mr. Rabbit.

78 ARI 78
We've been trying to find carrots,
but we haven't found any. We
thought they would be growing on
the plant, like tomatoes and beans.
But now we think THIS is the
carrot.

Ari points to the carrot top.

79 MR. RABBIT 79
I see. And what makes you think
that?

80 OLIVE 80
Well it has the same green fuzzy
leaves that we always see on
carrots.

ARI

And when we looked closer we saw
this orange part peeking from the
ground.

82 MR. RABBIT 82
Great investigating kids. You're
right -- it IS a carrot!

83 ARI 83
I KNEW it!

84 OLIVE 84
But why is the carrot under the
ground?

85 MR. RABBIT 85
Carrots aren't like tomatoes and
beans, Olive. The part that we like
to eat is actually the root of the
plant. That's why it's underground.

As Mr. Rabbit talks, we see a **THOUGHT BUBBLE** showing a cross
section of the garden that shows the orange part of the
carrot under the ground <SFX: KIDS WHOA WALLA>.

86 OLIVE/ARI 86
That is soo interesting.

They both <SFX: LAUGH>

87 ARI 87
But... how do you get the carrot
OUT of the ground?

88 MR. RABBIT 88
You just give the plant a pull. Go
ahead.

Ari and Olive each pull a carrot OUT of the ground, falling
over backwards as they do. <SFX: WHOA, GIGGLE>

89 MR. RABBIT (CONT'D) 89
See? The orange part is the root.
That's why carrots are called root
vegetables.

CLOSE ON: The carrot.

90 OLIVE 90
Root vegetables. I LIKE those
words.

Ari looks to Mr. Rabbit.

91 ARI 91
So are beets root vegetables too?
We haven't found those either.

92 MR. RABBIT 92
 Yep. And so are turnips, radishes
 and potatoes, and we have them all -
 - ready to dig up in the garden.

93 ARI 93
 Did you say dig? I LOVE to dig!

SONG MONTAGE

As they sing Ari, and Olive look at drawings of the veggies' green leafy parts (carrots, beets, radishes, turnips, potatoes) and look for them in the garden. They have uncovered the process for finding root vegetables. Maybe Olive draws a brown dirt line in her notebook.

Then they dig up the veggies.

94 OLIVE/ARI 94
 OLIVE: Veggies are delicious,
 Veggies are the best.
 ARI: But did you know,
 That some veggies grow,
 Down deeper than the rest.

BOTH: Root veggies, root veggies,
 We all love our root veggies.

OLIVE: The yummiest part of the
 tomato,
 It grows out in the sunlight.
 ARI: But the yummiest part of the
 carrot grows...
 Way down Underground.

BOTH: Root veggies, root veggies,
 We all love our root veggies,
 Beets and potatoes,
 Carrots and turnips,
 Root veggies are so yummy,
 And they make great soup for you
 and me!

11. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM -- DAY

Later that afternoon, Elinor is awake. Mister Rabbit comes into her room and sits on her bed.

95 MR. RABBIT 95
 How are you feeling, honey bunny.

Elinor stretches and yawns.

96 ELINOR 96
A little better. My foot doesn't
hurt as much.

97 MR. RABBIT 97
Good. Ready for another adventure
story?

98 Uh-huh. ELINOR 98

99 MR. RABBIT 99

You're gonna like this one. It's about the time Explorer Elinor had to stay in bed because her foot was sore.

100 ELINOR 100
Ooooh, I know how that feels.

101 MR. RABBIT 101

But it gets more exciting because
her two friends Explorer Olive and
Explorer Ari decided to do
something to make her feel better.

102 Really? ELINOR 102

103 MR. RABBIT 103

Yep, they went on an Adventure in the garden to find vegetables to make Explorer Elinor her favorite soup.

THOUGHT BUBBLE Olive and Ari march out into the Garden.

104 ELINOR 104
I like this story.

105 MR. RABBIT 105
They found almost all the veggies,
but then there were some they
couldn't find.

PAN DOWN: to Elinor and her Dad.

106 ELINOR 106
Oh, no, then what happened?

107 MR. RABBIT 107
Mmm, maybe I should let THEM finish
the story.

Ari and Olive walk in with a tray and a bowl of soup on it covered by a napkin.

108	ARI	108
	Hi, Elinor. We looked for beets and carrots everywhere, but we couldn't find them!	

THOUGHT BUBBLE FORMS: Illustrating the story.

109	OLIVE	109
	We looked and looked... until finally we found our treasure. The veggies were buried under the ground!	

110 ARI 110

That's right. We learned that some
veggies are actually roots, and
that's why they grow underground.

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111                                OLIVE                                111
    So we decided to call our special
    soup....

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Pan down to reveal: They pull the napkin away revealing.

112	OLIVE/ARI	112
	UNDERGROUND SOUP	

113 ELINOR 113
Aww, thank you, Explorers Ari and
Olive.

Ari hands the tray to Mr. Rabbit, who sets it up for Elinor. She takes a sip.

114 ELINOR (CONT'D) 114
 <Slurrrrup>. Ah, now I really DO
 feel better.

Ari and Olive exchange a happy look.

115 ARI 115
 (to Mr. Rabbit)
Told ya we were good helpers.

Elinor takes another sip <SFX: mmmm>, we IRIS OUT,

SEGMENT 2.

1. EXT FOREST -- EARLY AUTUMN DAY

ARI, OLIVE and ELINOR come up to Mz. Mole, who is sitting by her garden.

116	MZ. MOLE	116
	Well hello, kids!	
117	ELINOR	117
	Hi Mz. Mole! We came to help you pick veggies from your garden!	
118	OLIVE	118
	Yes, we are expert veggie-pickers.	
119	ARI	119
	And eaters!	
120	MZ MOLE	120
	Wonderful! Thanks for your help! Follow me.	

She reaches down and opens the door to her house (Mz. Mole lives in an underground burrow), and walks down. The kids look confused, but follow her down.

2. INT MZ. MOLE'S KITCHEN -- DAY

The kids emerge in the kitchen where there is a small step ladder in the middle of your room. Mz. Mole climbs up the ladder. There's a book on a convenient surface nearby.

121	ELINOR	121
	Mz. Mole, why are we going inside your house?	
122	OLIVE	122
	Isn't your garden outside?	
123	MZ MOLE	123
	It is, but some of my favorite veggies grow underground. Look!	

Mz. Mole reaches up to the ceiling and sticks her arm into the overhead dirt.

CUT TO:

3. EXT. MZ. MOLE'S GARDEN

Above ground, we see a row of green leafy plants. The left most one (a radish) jiggles and then disappears into the ground with a <SFX: SCHWOOP!>.

CUT TO:

4. INT. MZ. MOLE'S KITCHEN -- DAY

We see Mz. Mole has pulled out a purple radish. The kids <SFX: WALLA OOH/AAH/WOW!>.

124 OLIVE 124
It's a radish!

125 ELINOR 125
Why do some veggies grow
underground, Mz Mole?

126 MZ MOLE 126
(holding up the radish)
Sometimes, the part of the plant we
eat is the root, and that grows
under the ground.

She comes down the ladder and hands the radish to Ari, who brushes off the dirt and takes a bite.

127 ARI 127
And it's delicious!

They all <SFX: GIGGLE>.

128 MZ MOLE 128
There are LOTS of different root
vegetables. Take a look in this
book!

She picks up the book.

5. INT. POP-UP BOOK (CROSS-SECTION) - DAY

We transition to a simpler pop-up book animation style that shows a cross-section of her kitchen and the garden above. As she talks, we push/pan and see several vegetables of different shapes and sizes.

129 MZ MOLE 129
Onions...

130	ELINOR	130
	Yum.	
131	MZ MOLE	131
	...radishes...	
132	ELINOR	132
	Mmmmm.	
133	MZ MOLE	133
	...garlic...	
134	ELINOR	134
	Mmmm hmmm.	
135	MZ MOLE	135
	...potatoes...	
136	ARI	136
	What? Potatoes grow under ground?	
	Mind. Blown.	
137	MZ MOLE	137
	...rutabagas...	
138	OLIVE	138
	Rutabagas. I like that word.	

We transition back to Mz Mole's kitchen.

6. INT. MZ. MOLE'S KITCHEN

Mz. Mole closes the book.

139	MZ MOLE	139
	...and of course, carrots!	
	Mz. Mole climbs up the ladder and pulls a purple carrot from her roof.	
140	ELINOR	140
	Wait a minute, that's not a carrot.	
	It's purple!	
141	MZ MOLE	141
	Yes, it is! Carrots grow in all different colors: purple, white, orange, yellow and red!	

As she names each color, she pulls out a colorful carrot and hands it to Elinor.

142 OLIVE 142
 Wow, there are so many pretty
 colors.

143 ELINOR 143
 Look, It's a rainbow of root
 veggies!

We see a rainbow of colorful carrots in Mz. Mole's arms.

144 ARI 144
 Gorgeous AND delicious.

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