

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW133 INTERSTITIAL Mz Mole: Rainbow of Root Vegetables

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FOLLOWS: EPISODE "UNDERGROUND SOUP"

CURRICULUM: Kids learn that root veggies come in a wide spectrum of colors.

CURRICULUM GOALS: LS8a. Begin to understand that there are many different kinds of living things and how they may be the same or different. Observe and describe similarities and differences across different types of plants and animals. [They understand that carrots and beets come in many colors.]

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SECOND DRAFT: March 25, 2020

1. EXT FOREST -- EARLY AUTUMN DAY

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

1	MZ. MOLE	1
	Well hello, kids!	
2	ELINOR	2
	Hi Mz. Mole! We came to help you pick veggies from your garden!	
3	OLIVE	3
	Yes, we are expert veggie-pickers.	
4	ARI	4
	And eaters!	
5	MZ MOLE	5
	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 as Mz. Mole sets up and climbs a ladder in the middle of the room, with a book in hand.

6	ELINOR	6
	Mz. Mole, why are we going inside your house?	
7	OLIVE	7
	Isn't your garden outside?	
8	MZ MOLE	8
	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:

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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!>.

9 OLIVE 9
It's a radish!

10 ELINOR 10
Why do some veggies grow
underground, Mz Mole?

11 MZ MOLE 11
(holding up the radish)
Sometimes, the part of the plant we
eat is the root, and that grows
under the ground.

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

12 ARI 12
And it's delicious!

They all <SFX: GIGGLE>.

13 MZ MOLE 13
There are LOTS of different root
vegetables. Take a look in this
book!

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

We tilt up and dissolve 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.

14 MZ MOLE 14
Onions...

15 ELINOR 15
Yum.

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16	MZ MOLE	16
	...radishes...	
17	ELINOR	17
	Mmmmm.	
18	MZ MOLE	18
	...garlic...	
19	ELINOR	19
	Mmmm hmmm.	
20	MZ MOLE	20
	...potatoes...	
21	ARI	21
	What? Potatoes grow under ground?	
	Mind. Blown.	
22	MZ MOLE	22
	...rutabagas...	
23	OLIVE	23
	Rutabagas. I like that word.	
24	MZ MOLE	24
	...and of course, carrots!	

6. INT MZ MOLE'S KITCHEN

We dissolve back as Mz. Mole pulls a purple carrot from her roof.

25	ELINOR	25
	Wait a minute, that's not a carrot.	
	It's purple!	
26	MZ MOLE	26
	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.		
27	OLIVE	27
	Wow, there are so many pretty	
	colors.	
28	ELINOR	28
	Look, It's a rainbow of root	
	veggies!	

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

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ARI
Gorgeous AND delicious.

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END