

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW135A: A Garden for All!

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Elinor's Question: Where can Elinor's friend Hazel the lioness grow a garden of her own in her apartment?

Logline: Elinor and her friends help Hazel figure out the best way to start a garden and grow her very own strawberries in her apartment.

Curriculum Goals:

LS5. Begin to understand that animals and plants depend on other living things and nonliving things in the environment to meet some of their needs: b. Identify the habitats of familiar animals and plants in the environment c. Recognize that each kind of living things has a habitat that has resources to meet its unique needs (Elinor and Hazel learn they need soil, sun and space to grow strawberries)

ET1 . Begin to understand that asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems, and that it is important to clearly understand the problem before beginning to design a solution (Elinor and Hazel learn what they need to have before they can design a rooftop garden to grow strawberries - soil, sun and space)

SEP4. Analyzing and interpreting data a. Collect, describe, and record observations in greater detail and in various ways b. Use the 5 senses and simple tools to gather and record data c. Record observations to describe patterns and/or relationships in the natural and designed world(s) in order to answer scientific questions and solve problems. (Elinor and her friends observe what plants need to grow, then try to replicate the conditions in Hazel's apartment).

MAINS: Elinor, Ari, Olive

SECONDARY: Hazel, Mr. Lion, Mrs. Llama

LOCATIONS: Elinor's Yard, Hazel's Apartment, Animal Town Main Street, Mrs. Llama's Yard

PROPS: Seeds, Barrel, Soil, Strawberries, Rug

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One day, Elinor, Olive and Ari are playing catch in Elinor's backyard.

Elinor throws the ball and Ari runs to catch it. He jumps in the air, catches, does a spin, and then <SFX: WHOA> flutters wildly before plopping on the ground <SFX: OOF!>.

ARI 3
Yeah. But most important... I
caught the ball!

10 ELINOR 10
Uh, where did Hazel go?

11 OLIVE 11
I think she found a new smell.

The kids look over and see Hazel sniffing the air.

12 HAZEL 12
(sniffing)
Something over here smells
delicious and fruity. It's coming
from... Right...
(sniffs the air)
Here!

Hazel stops at Elinor's garden and leans in for a full whiff
of the strawberries.

13 HAZEL (CONT'D) 13
Yep! Strawberries! Mmm, these smell
so good.

The other kids walk over.

14 ELINOR 14
Do you like strawberries, Hazel?

15 HAZEL 15
I super duper love strawberries!

16 OLIVE 16
Me too. Elinor grows the YUMMIEST
strawberries.

17 HAZEL 17
You grew these?

18 ELINOR 18
Mm hmm! Well...with my parents.
Would you like to have one?

19 HAZEL 19
Yes! I mean.. Please, can I?

20 ELINOR 20
My parents said it's okay to pick
them, as long as we wash them
before we eat them.

21 HAZEL 21
Yay! Let's pick some strawberries.

As the kids go to pick, we push in close on a strawberry.

DISSOLVE TO:

2. EXT. ELINOR'S YARD -- LATER

We are still close on a strawberry and, as we pull out, we see the kids now sitting at a picnic table with a bowl of cut strawberries, enjoying the fruits of their labor.

22 ARI 22

These are the best strawberries
ever! How did you grow them to be
so yummy, Elinor?

23 ELINOR 23

That's easy. I'll tell you my
secret... I just made sure my
garden had the three S's.

24		HAZEL	24
	Three S's?		

As Elinor explains, in a THOUGHT BUBBLE she grabs a packet of seeds, a handful of soil and motions up to the sun to demonstrate.

25 ELINOR 25
(leaning on the S sound)
Yep. Good Ssseeds to plant - that
the first S, lots of really nice
brown Sssoil for the plants to grow
in and loads of Sssun to help the
plants grow.

[illegible]

Hazel takes another bite of a strawberry and gets up, doing a happy little dance as she speaks.

27 HAZEL (CONT'D) 27
 (mouth full)
Mmmmm, they are so yummy. Thank you,
Elinor!

The kids all <GIGGLE> as Elinor remembers something.

28 ELINOR 28
That reminds me, there is a 4th
thing that every garden needs...
water! Luckily, I watered my garden
this morning.

Hazel stops dancing.

29 HAZEL 29
I wish I could grow yummy
strawberries like you do at my
house, Elinor.

30 ELINOR 30
You can, Hazel. You just need a
garden, and the three S's.

31 OLIVE 31
And water.

32 ELINOR 32
(giggles)
Yeah. Here, you can have the very
first S... seeds.

Elinor hands Hazel the packet of strawberry seeds she had
earlier. Hazel is very excited about this and now spins
around in joy!

33 HAZEL 33
Wow, thank you, Elinor! I can't
wait to grow my very own
strawberries!
(Hazel stops in mid-spin.)
Oh. Uhh... but wait, I don't have a
garden at home.

34 ELINOR 34
Not yet! But maybe we can help you
start a garden of your own.

35 HAZEL 35
Really?

36 ELINOR 36
Yeah, as long as your parents are
okay with it.

37 HAZEL 37
Are you kidding? My dad loves
strawberries. He's gonna be so
excited!

38 ARI 38
Mr. Lion gets excited about
everything! That's why his art
class is so fun!

39 ELINOR 39
Let's go to your house and start
your strawberry garden.
(MORE)

ELINOR (CONT'D)
I'll go tell my Mom we're going to
your place and get more
strawberries to bring to your Dad.

Hazel cheers <SFX: YAY!> And does her little dance again, and the kids <SFX: GIGGLE>. The kids run off with SFX: EXCITED WALLA.

3. EXT. HAZEL'S APARTMENT -- DAY

The kids arrive at the apartment in the main area of town.

40 HAZEL 40
Here we are, home sweet home.
We live right above the gallery.

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41                                OLIVE                                41
                                Ooh, you live in an apartment.
                                That's sooo cool! You're so close
                                to the library!

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42 HAZEL 42
Yeah, my dad was very excited about
it, of course. And he loves
painting on our balcony.

As the kids come around to the side of the building, they see Hazel's father, Mr. Lion, painting on the balcony.

43 ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI 43
Hi, Mr. Lion!

44 MR. LION 44

Oh, hey there, kids! Hello, Hazel-basil. Don't mind me, I'm just capturing the beauty of Animal Town in the afternoon.

45 HAZEL 45
Dad, Elinor is gonna help me start
a garden to grow yummy
strawberries.

46 MR. LION 46
Ooh, I love strawberries! Red is
such a bold color, they always look
beautiful.

[illegible]

48 OLIVE 48
Where should we put the garden,
Hazel?

49 HAZEL 49
Hmmm... I don't know. I don't have
a yard like you do, Elinor.

Ari reassures her.

50 ARI 50
No yard? No problem, Hazel! I'm
sure we can figure out somewhere
else to put your garden.

As the kids enter the building, Elinor is confident.

51 ELINOR 51
We sure will. You can have a garden
anywhere as long as you have seeds,
soil and sun.

52 OLIVE 52
And water!

The kids all <SFX: GIGGLE> as they run upstairs.

4. INT. HAZEL'S APARTMENT -- DAY

The kids enjoy some more strawberries with Mr. Lion.

53 MR. LION 53
Oh, Hazel-basil, you were right!
These strawberries are just plain
tickling my tastebuds! I can't wait
'till you grow some of your own.

54 HAZEL 54
Me either!

Mr. Lion grabs another strawberry.

55 MR. LION 55
Well, I'd better get back to my
painting, but thanks for bringing
some color to my day, kids. Have
fun.

56 ARI 56
Bye, Mr. Lion!

As Mr. Lion walks off, Elinor leads the kids around the
apartment.

57 ELINOR 57
 Okay, so we need to figure out
 where to put your garden, Hazel.

58 HAZEL 58
 Yup, all we need are the three S's:
 seed, soil and sun... And water!

59 ELINOR 59
 Right. And you have the first S,
 seeds, so now we just need a place
 with soil and sun.

60 HAZEL 60
 Hmm... what about the kitchen sink?

Elinor and Olive look at the sink and see dishes in it.

61 OLIVE 61
 Yeah, but... it doesn't have any
 soil.

62 ARI 62
 And if you made a garden in your
 sink, how would you wash your
 dishes?

63 HAZEL 63
 Oh... good point.
 (she thinks then)
 I got it!

Hazel then takes off before the kids can even say anything.
The kids follow and Hazel points into her bathroom (which we
don't see).

64 HAZEL (CONT'D) 64
 When I have a bath, I wash my dirt
 off in the tub. Let's put my garden
 there!

Hazel is proud of this suggestion, but the kids <LAUGH>.

65 ELINOR 65
 I don't think there's enough dirt
 left in your tub after you take a
 bath.

66 OLIVE 66
 You know, my Mom has lots of plants
 inside the house, and her plants
 are always in a pot or a box.

Elinor brightens up.

67 ELINOR 67
Yeah, we could put your garden in a
box.

68 HAZEL 68
Great, but... where are we going to
get the soil?

69 OLIVE 69
Mmmm, when we need soil, my mom
usually goes into town to get it.

70 ELINOR 70
Hey! We're already in town! Why
don't we go into town and look for
a box and some soil.

71 HAZEL 71
Yeah, and then we'll have two of
the S's: seeds and soil!

72 ARI 72
Looking for dirt! Now this is my
kinda mission!

The kids <SFX: GIGGLE> and run off.

**5. EXT. ANIMAL TOWN MAIN STREET/MZ. LLAMA'S RESTAURANT --
DAY**

The kids are walking around Animal Town with a wagon (and a shovel?) they grabbed from the storage closet at the bottom of the building.

Suddenly, Hazel stops next to Mz. Llama's place, she points to Mz. Llama's backyard and the others notice that Mz. Llama has dug a big hole in the ground to plant the tree. She has a pile of good, brown soil, so they approach Mz. Llama.

73 HAZEL 73
Hey, look! Will that soil work for
my garden?

74 ELINOR 74
I don't know. Let's go see.

75 OLIVE 75
Hi, Mz. Llama! Whatcha doing?

76 MZ. LLAMA 76
Oh, hello kids! Hi, Hazel! I just
finished digging this hole so I can
plant a new tree.

The others follow behind Hazel as Mz. Llama waves to them.

6. INT. HAZEL'S APARTMENT -- DAY

The kids arrive back inside Hazel's apartment with their box full of soil.

87 ELINOR 87
Okay, so we have our first two S's,
seeds and soil. All that's left is
the final "S"... Sun.

88 HAZEL 88
Let's find a nice, sunny spot in
the apartment!

As Hazel runs off, we see a quick MONTAGE set to fun, bouncy music where the kids try out various spots and find reasons why each spot won't work. First up, the kitchen table.

89 OLIVE 89
But how are you going to eat?

Next, under the kitchen table.

90	ARI	90
	Mm, not enough sun.	

Next, Hazel places the garden next to the couch.

91 ELINOR 91
You might step on it.

Hazel places the garden in the dark closet and we see nothing. A beat later, Hazel turns on a flashlight, which puts some light in the closet, where she and Hazel stand.

92 ELINOR (CONT'D) 92
Definitely not enough sun.

Finally, Hazel puts the garden on top of her toy box.

93 OLIVE 93
This spot gets a lot of sun, but
how will you get to your toys?

94 HAZEL 94
Ohh. Good point.

As the music fades, the kids are stumped.

95 HAZEL (CONT'D) 95
I don't know, Elinor. I'm not so
sure there really is a good spot
for this garden in my apartment.

Elinor sees disappointed Hazel flashes her puppy dog eyes.

96 ELINOR 96
There has to be a perfect, sunny
spot somewhere. We just haven't
found it yet.

Right on cue, Mr. Lion comes back in from the balcony.

97 MR. LION 97
Whew. I love painting on the
balcony. The natural light is
WOOONDERFUL, but it can get a bit
hot with all that sun shining on
you.

The kids all look at each other.

98 ELINOR 98
That's it! The balcony gets lots of
sun.

99 HAZEL 99
I could put my garden in the
balcony!

100 OLIVE 100
Mr. Lion, would it be okay to go
out and see if the balcony is a
good place for Hazel's garden?

101 MR. LION 101
Sure! Way to think outside the box,
or should I say, outside the
apartment.

Mr. Lion laughs at his Dad joke, but he's the only one.

102 MR. LION (CONT'D) 102
Well, you kids should never go out
on the balcony by yourselves, so
I'll go with you. I'd love to help
with your fun garden project.

103 ELINOR 103
Let's go!

Hazel heads out first <SFX: YAAAY!>, of course!

Ari then carefully covers the seeds with soil.

ARI: The next thing is soil
straight from the ground
You can dig it up or buy it, it's
all around.

Hazel points up to the sun above, which shines down on the garden.

HAZEL: Once your seeds are planted,
you'll need sunlight
To make sure your plants grow big
and bright.

ELINOR: You can build a garden
anywhere.
A balcony, a yard or here or there,
As long as you have those three,
special things--

Olive then comes in with a watering can, interrupting Elinor.

OLIVE: (spoken) And water. Can't
forget water.

Hazel then jumps into frame, finishing the song.

HAZEL: You'll have all the joy that
a garden brings!

With the garden now planted, we pull out and watch the sun
rise, set and rise over the balcony. As the songs ends, we:

DISSOLVE TO:

8. EXT. BALCONY -- DAY (SOME TIME LATER)

Mr. Lion and the other kids watch as Hazel waters her garden,
which now has its very own strawberries growing!

There are also some other fruits and veggies growing behind
the strawberries too, such as tomatoes and cucumbers.

Each of the kids, and Mr. Lion, take a bite and it's clear
they're very tasty.

111 ELINOR 111
Yeah. I couldn't have done a better
job myself.

112 HAZEL 112
Well, there's nothing sweeter than
strawberries you've grown
yourself... on your own balcony
garden.

113 ARI 113
I think this calls for a Hazel
style celebration!

Ari leads them in a joyful Hazel dance as the kids <LAUGH>
and eat more berries, and we:

FADE OUT.

SEGMENT 2.

1. EXT MZ. LLAMA'S FRUIT STAND -- DAY

Open on a basket of ripe red tomatoes. MZ. LLAMA stands at
her fruit stand and gives a tomato to ELINOR, HAZEL and SENOR
TAPIR.

Senor Tapir inspects his tomato.

114 SENOR TAPIR 114
This looks delicious, Amiga. (to
Mz. Llama) Did you grow these in
town?

115 ELINOR 115
(looking proudly at Hazel) Hazel
grew these tomatoes in her very own
garden.

116 HAZEL 116
I have a garden on my balcony.

117 MZ. LLAMA 117
Hazel's tomatoes are mmmmm mmmmm
goood.

118 SENOR TAPIR 118
Amazing. That reminds me of Karen
Washington, who wondered if she
could grow healthy foods like fresh
fruits and vegetables in the middle
of New York City, an even bigger
city than Animal Town.

Senor Tapir starts to sing. After a line or two, we
transition to a simpler style of animation that describes
what he is singing.

119 SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D) 119
Karen Washington lived in New York
City,

2. EXT NEW YORK CITY -- DAY

We see a skyline of the New York Bronx borough, with lots of
buildings in silhouette.

Karen Washington, a koala bear, stands looking at her
backyard. (Reference: <https://youtu.be/ogooeFjK3QY> to see her
home and her home garden). The yard is just empty, mostly
dirt. Karen looks around and then grabs a shovel.

120 SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D) 120
In a neighborhood called the Bronx
with her family.
Karen wished that she could eat and
cook more healthy foods,
So she planted a backyard garden
with veggies and fruits.

Karen digs in the dirt with the shovel. ANGLE ON: Karen's
paws plant a seed in the dirt. Karen waters the seeds, and a
green sprout pops up out of the ground.

Karen's backyard now has a green, lush garden, including ripe
tomatoes and green beans. (We can still see the tall
buildings around her yard, to indicate the city is close by.)
Karen walks into her garden and picks a ripe, red tomato.
Karen takes a bite of her tomato and smiles.

121 SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D) 121
With tall buildings and houses all
around,
She planted lots of seeds into the
ground,
She watered the seeds and wow, what
do you know?
Her little city garden started to
grow.

(Yeah she grew)
Fruits and veggies,
In the middle of a neighborhood,
Fruits and veggies,
Healthy, tasty and good.

Karen takes a bite of a green bean and looks out her window to see an empty lot across the street. A male neighbor, a lion, stands in the lot with a shovel and waves at her.

Karen joins the lion and they start to dig in the dirt in that lot. Close up on Karen and the neighbor's paws planting seeds in the ground.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

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Karen Washington started to wonder
whether
Her friends and her neighbors could
work together,
To grow fresh food to eat each day,
That didn't come from farms far
away.

Now the lot is lush and green and full with a growing garden, including strawberry plants and the tops of carrot plants in the ground. (We can still see some city in the background).

Karen picks a ripe, red strawberry. Her neighbor pulls a carrot from the ground.

ANGLE ON the strawberries and carrots on a plate. Karen reaches down to pick up a strawberry and take a bite. She smiles.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

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(Yeah they grew)
Fruits and veggies,
In the middle of a neighborhood,
Fruits and veggies,
Healthy, tasty and good.

3. EXT MZ. LLAMA'S FRUIT STAND -- DAY

Elinor, Hazel, Senor Tapir and Mz. Llama all hold up a tomato briefly in the air.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

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Salud amigos!

At the exact same time, they all bring their tomatoes to their mouths and take a bite.

The kids, Senor Tapir and Mz. Llama make delicious sounds
<YUMMM, MMMMMMM>.

THE END.