

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

135 INTERSTITIAL: SENOR TAPIR

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FOLLOWS: "A GARDEN FOR ALL"

CURRICULUM: Karen Washington followed her curiosity to figure out whether she could create gardens in New York City, starting with her own small garden in the backyard of her Bronx home.

LS3. Understand that all animals need food in order to live and grow, that they get their food from plants or from other animals, and that plants need water and light to live and grow: (c) Help care for living things at home or in the classroom

FIRST DRAFT: 03-25-20
SECOND DRAFT: 04-06-20
POLISH DRAFT: 04-16-20

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.

1	SENOR TAPIR	1
	This looks delicious, Amiga. (to Mz. Llama) Did you grow these in town?	

2	ELINOR	2
	(looking proudly at Hazel) Hazel grew these tomatoes in her very own garden.	

3	HAZEL	3
	I have a garden on my balcony.	

4	MZ. LLAMA	4
	Hazel's tomatoes are mmmmm mmmmm goood.	

5	SENOR TAPIR	5
	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.

6	SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)	6
	Karen Washington lived in the 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.

7	SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)	7
	So far from farms and healthy veggies.	
	Karen wanted to eat	
	(MORE)	

SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)
more healthy foods,
She planted a 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.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)
Many tall buildings were all
around,
But she planted seeds into the
ground,
And what do you know?
Her city garden started to grow.

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Fruits and veggies,
In the middle of a city,
Fruits and veggies,
Healthy and tasty.

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)
Karen Washington wondered whether
neighbors could all work together,
To grow fresh food to eat each day,
That didn't come from far away.

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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 city,
Fruits and veggies,
Healthy and tasty.

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.