

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW 165: 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.

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, 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 case of the sniffles.	
3	OLIVE	3
	(with concern)	
	Oh, no! Can we visit her?	
4	ARI	4
	Yeah, if she's feeling sick, maybe we can cheer her up.	
5	MR. RABBIT	5
	That's a really nice idea, kids, but I don't want you to get too close. You might catch Elinor's sniffles.	
6	OLIVE	6
	Maybe we could call to her from outside her window.	
7	MR. RABBIT	7
	That'll work. Let's go!	

Off they go.

2. EXT. OUTSIDE ELINOR'S ROOM - DAY

The kids run around the house up Elinor's window, maybe Ari flutters up.

8	ARI	8
	Elinor! Elinor!!	
9	OLIVE	9
	It's us!	
	Elinor comes to the window.	
10	ELINOR	10
	Ari? Olive?	

11 ARI 11
How are you feeling? Are you
sniffly?

12 ELINOR 12
Yup, I'm pretty sniffly, and AH-
CHOOO!...sneezy too.

(NOTE: Elinor sneezes cute little bunny sneezes, and practices good preschool "sneeze etiquette," sneezing into her elbow each time. Also, if it works as a gag, perhaps Olive and Ari back up a little each time she sneezes, or just as she's ah-ah-ah-ing.)

13 MR. RABBIT 13
Not to worry, kids, Elinor will be
better soon, she just needs to...
(<AH-CHOO!> Elinor
sneezes again, the kids
back up. Mr. Rabbit
finishes his sentence)
...rest.

14 ARI 14
Oh, and drink lots of water!

<A-CHOO!> Elinor sneezes again.

15 OLIVE 15
And stories! Stories always make me
feel better when I'm...
(<A-CHOO!> Elinor sneezes
again.)
..sniffly.

16 ELINOR 16
Oooh, stories. That sounds good.

17 MR. RABBIT 17
You're right. There's nothing
better for a case of the sniffles
than some good stories. Luckily
Elinor has her own official story-
book reader.

18 ARI 18
(impressed)
She DOES? Now THAT is cool!

19 OLIVE 19
(smiling)
I think Mr. Rabbit is talking about
himself.

20	MR. RABBIT	20
	Yep, that's me! And I'll be up in a sec to perform my official story- reading duties.	
21	ELINOR	21
	Okay Daddy. Adventure stories please!	
22	ARI	22
	Bye, Elinor.	
23	OLIVE	23
	Get better soon.	

ANGLE ON INSIDE THE BEDROOM: Elinor snuggles into her blanket. <A-CHOO!>

3. EXT. ELINOR'S HOUSE -- DAY

The kids and Mr. Rabbit make their way around the house.

24	OLIVE	24
	I wish we could do something for Elinor to help her feel better.	
25	ARI	25
	Hmmmm, sometimes when I'm sick my mom makes me soup.	
26	MR. RABBIT	26
	Actually I was planning on making Elinor a batch of her favourite - Backyard Soup.	
27	OLIVE	27
	Backyard soup? What's Backyard Soup?	
28	ARI	28
	Backyard Soup is yummiest soup ever, I had some with Elinor and her Dad once. They make it with all the veggies they grow in the back garden.	
29	OLIVE	29
	Really? That sounds soooo scrumptious. Can we help make it, Mr. Rabbit?	
30	MR. RABBIT	30
	You sure can, Olive. Follow me.	

4. EXT. ELINOR'S GARDEN (SIDE OF THE HOUSE) - DAY

The kids follow Mr. Rabbit to the veggie garden.

31 ARI 31
 Okay, first thing we need for
 Backyard Soup is backyard veggies!

He gestures. ANGLE ON: The verdant veggie garden - yum!

32 OLIVE 32
 But which ones should we pick?

33 MR. RABBIT 33
 Tomatoes, beans, carrots and beets
 for a start.

34 ARI 34
 Whoa that's a LOTTA veggies. How
 are we gonna remember all those?

35 OLIVE 35
 I'd better make a list.
 (Olive takes out her
 notebook.)
 First we need round, red tomatoes.

ANGLE ON: Olive draws tomatoes.

36 ARI 36
 Then some long skinny green beans.
 I love those.

ANGLE ON: Olive draws long, skinny green beans.

37 MR. RABBIT 37
 Also some beets.

38 OLIVE 38
 Those are purple.

She draws purple beets with green tops.

39 MR. RABBIT 39
 Okay I think that's it for now.

40 ARI 40
 Uhh, Mr. Rabbit, aren't you
 forgetting something...?

41 OLIVE 41
 Elinor's FAVOURITE...

42 MR. RABBIT 42
CARROTS! I almost forgot. Good
thing I've got you kids around to
help me out.

Olive draws orange carrots with abundant green leafy tops.

43 OLIVE 43
Yep, we're good helpers.

44 ARI 44
It's kind of our thing. Let's go
get those veggies.

Olive waves her notebook in the air as they run to the garden, and Mr. Rabbit heads into the house.

5. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM - DAY

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

45 MR. RABBIT 45
Ready for a story, hunny bunny?

46 ELINOR 46
Yes, please, official story-book
reader. And ADVENTURE story.

47 MR. RABBIT 47
Ah, yes. An ADVENTURE story.
(he opens the books and
reads)
It was a beautiful day for an
adventure and our Fearless
Explorer...

Elinor interrupts with a sniffle.

48 ELINOR 48
Not just any Explorer Daddy,
Explorer...Ah-ah-ah-chooo.

Elinor sneezes into her sleeve. Dad hands her a tissue.

49 MR. RABBIT 49
Riiight. Explorer Achooo!

50 ELINOR 50
(laughing)
Noooooooo. Not Explorer Achoo,
Explorer ELINOR.

51 MR. RABBIT 51
Of course, my mistake, Explorer
ELINOR was just getting ready for
her next adventure. She wasn't
sure where she was going to go, but
she knew it was going to be...

52 ELINOR 52
ADVENTUROUS!

6. EXT. BACK YARD -- DAY

In the back yard Olive and Ari search the garden.

53 OLIVE 53
Okay, first thing - round red
tomatoes.

54 ARI 54
Tomatoes, tomatoes, tomatoes - oh,
there they are!

ANGLE ON: Plump red tomatoes on a staked tomato plant.

55 OLIVE 55
Wow! The tomatoes are so big the
plants need to be held up by
sticks.

Ari adds them to the basket.

56 OLIVE (CONT'D) 56
Next veggie, beans.

57 ARI 57
Not just any beans, long green
yummy beans.
(calling)
Beans! Beans! Where are you
beans?

58 OLIVE 58
Oh, I see them.

ANGLE ON: The beans vines climbing poles.

59 ARI 59
Look at that. Bean vines like to
climb poles.

7. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM - DAY

Dad is reading to Elinor as she snuggles in bed.

60	MR. RABBIT	60
	Explorer Elinor was having the best adventure EVER. First she climbed the highest mountain in the land! (THOUGHT BUBBLE - Elinor climbing a mountain.) Then she swam to the bottom of the deepest ocean. (THOUGHT BUBBLE - Elinor swimming down to the bottom of the ocean.) Then she swung through the jungle on a vine - wheeeeeeeee!! (THOUGHT BUBBLE - Elinor swings through the jungle.)	
61	ELINOR	61
	That IS an amazing adventure, official storybook reader.	
62	MR. RABBIT	62
	Glad you like it, Explorer Elinor.	

8. EXT. ELINOR'S BACK YARD - DAY

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

63	OLIVE	63
	Okay, we've almost finished our list...all we need are beets...	
64	ARI	64
	...and carrots! You can't forget carrots!	
65	OLIVE	65
	Right, beets and carrots. Well, those should be easy to find because the beets are purple and the carrots are orange.	
66	ARI	66
	Yep, they should be pretty easy to spot in all this green.	

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.	
	(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 and notices something they'd forgotten.

68	ARI	68
	I can't see beets around here	
	anywhere. Or carrots either.	

69	OLIVE	69
	Ari, wait a second. Look at this.	

ANGLE ON: The drawing of the carrot.

70	ARI	70
	It's a great drawing, Olive, but we	
	need <i>real</i> carrots for the soup.	

71	OLIVE	71
	I know, but look more closely, see.	
	The carrot isn't just the orange	
	pointy part, it has these fuzzy	
	green leaves at the end.	

72	ARI	72
	Hmmm. I do remember seeing that	
	green stuff on carrots my mom buys -	
	kinda like that...	

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

73 OLIVE 73
 This is it, Ari. These leaves look
 like my drawing - green and fuzzy,
 but where is the pointy orange
 carrot part?

Ari looks down really low.

74 ARI 74
 Hey Olive, look at this!

Olive and Ari are examining the carrot greens when Ari
 notices a tiny spot of orange poking out of the earth - he
 moves the dirt away.

75 OLIVE 75
 Wow, it sure looks like the top of
 an orange carrot, but it seems to
 be buried underground.

76 ARI 76
 Should we dig it up?

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

77 MR. RABBIT 77
 Hey kids, Elinor's asleep so I
 thought I'd come out here and give
 you a...
 (noticing)
 ...what are you looking at?

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

78 ARI 78
 We THINK it's a carrot.

79 MR. RABBIT 79
 What makes you think that?

80 OLIVE 80
 Well it has the same green fuzzy
 leaves as my carrot drawing.

81 ARI 81
 And when we looked closer we saw
 this orange part.

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

Ari and Olive pull the carrot OUT of the ground, falling over backwards as they do.

95 MR. RABBIT 95
And so are turnips and potatoes,
and we have them all -- ready to
dig up in the garden.

96 ARI 96
Did you say dig?

97 OLIVE 97
Ari loves to dig.

98 ARI 98
I really do!

SONG MONTAGE

As they sing Ari and Olive (with Mr. Rabbit's help) dig up
the root veggies.

99 OLIVE/ARI 99
OLIVE: Veggies are delicious,
Veggies are the best.
ARI: But did you know,
Some veggies grow,
Down deeper than the rest.

OLIVE: The yummy part of a tomato,
Grows out in the sun.
ARI: But the yummy part of a carrot
grows...
Way down Underground.

Then they bring the veggies into the kitchen and make the
soup.

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

11. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM -- DAY

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

100 MR. RABBIT 100
How are you feeling, honey bunny.

Elinor stretches and yawns.

101 ELINOR 101
A little better. Not so sniffly.
And I'm not sneezing any more.

102 MR. RABBIT 102
Good. Ready for another adventure
story?

103 ELINOR 103
Uh-huh.

104 MR. RABBIT 104
You're gonna like this one. It's
about the time Explorer Elinor had
to stay in bed because of her
sniffles.

THOUGHT BUBBLE APPEARS - Elinor in bed.

105 ELINOR 105
Ooooh, I know how she feels.

106 MR. RABBIT 106
But it gets more exciting because
her two friends Explorer Olive and
Explorer Ari decide to do something
to make her feel better.

107 ELINOR 107
Really?

108 MR. RABBIT 108
Yep, they go on an Exploring
Adventure in the garden to find
everything they need to make
Explorer Elinor her favourite soup.

In the THOUGHT BUBBLE Olive and Ari march out into the
Garden.

109 ELINOR 109
Backyard soup?

110 MR. RABBIT 110
Yep, but THIS time they decided to
use special veggies, ones where the
yummy part grows underground, like
potatoes, beets and carrots.

The THOUGHT BUBBLE shows the veggies growing underground,
then Olive and Ari pull them up.

111 ELINOR 111
Carrots? I LOVE carrots!

112 MR. RABBIT 112
And that's why they decided to call
their special soup....

113 OLIVE/ARI 113
UNDERGROUND SOUP!

The THOUGHT BUBBLE bursts revealing Ari holding a tray with a small bowl of soup, with Olive gesturing beside him like Vanna White.

114 ELINOR 114
Really? You made Underground Soup
just for me?

115 ARI 115
Yup!

Ari hands the tray to Mr. Rabbit who gets Elinor set up.

116 OLIVE 116
We wanted to cheer you up, Explorer
Elinor.

Elinor takes a sip.

117 ELINOR 117
<Slurrrrup>. Ah, now I really DO
feel better. Thanks to Explorers
Ari and Olive.

118 ARI 118
(to Mr. Rabbit)
Told ya we were good helpers.

IRIS OUT, THE END.