

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW169: 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 when Hazel, a very outgoing lioness, comes into Elinor's backyard.

2 ELINOR 2
Oh, hi Hazel! We're playing catch! *
Here, go long. *

3 HAZEL 3
I got it! I got--
(then)
Wow! Cool bike! Can I ride it? *

As Olive goes to help Hazel get on the bike, the little
lioness once again walks away, now onto something else. *

Elinor, Olive and Ari look at each other, unsure what to do.

Elinor, Olive and Ari follow Hazel as her nose guides her through Elinor's yard and over to Elinor's garden. *

8 HAZEL 8
I'm following a delicious, fruity
smell that's coming from...
Right...
(sniffs the air)
Here!

9 HAZEL (CONT'D) 9
 Yep! This is what I was smelling.

10	OLIVE	10	
	Fresh strawberries smell sooo good!		
11	ELINOR	11	
	They sure do. My parents said it's		*
	okay to pick them, so would you		*
	like a berry, Hazel-- Hazel?		*
As Elinor looks around, Hazel has already picked a strawberry and is about to eat it when Elinor snatches it just in time. *			
12	ELINOR (CONT'D)	12	
	(laughing)		
	Hazel, you have to wash the		
	strawberries before you eat them.		
13	HAZEL	13	
	Ooops. Good point.		*
	(hopeful)		
	But if we wash them first, then can		
	we eat them?		*
14	ELINOR	14	
	Sure. 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 next to the garden with a basket bowl of cut strawberries, enjoying the fruits of their labor. *

15	ARI	15	
	These are the best strawberries		
	ever! How did you grow them to be		*
	so yummy, Elinor?		*
16	ELINOR	16	
	That's easy. I'll tell you my		*
	secret... I just made sure I had		*
	the three S's in my garden.		*
17	HAZEL	17	
	Three S's?		

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

18	ELINOR	18	
	(leaning on the S sound)		
	Yep. Good Sseds to plant - that		*
	the first S, lots of really nice		*
	brown Ssoil, so there's always		*
	room for the plants, that's the		
	second S, and loads of Sssun to		*
	help the plants grow.		
19	HAZEL	19	
	Oh, three S's, I get it! Although		
	my favorite is the 4th S.		
20	ELINOR	20	
	4th S?		
	Hazel takes another bite of a strawberry and gets up, doing a		
	happy little dance as she speaks.		*
21	HAZEL	21	
	(mouth full)		
	Yep, Ssstrawberries!		*
	The kids all <GIGGLE> as Elinor remembers something.		*
22	ELINOR	22	
	That reminds me, there is a 4th		*
	thing that every garden needs...		*
	water! I'd better water my garden		*
	so we can keep my strawberries		
	healthy.		
23	ARI	23	
	Good idea. While you do that, I'm		
	gonna do... whatever Hazel's doing.		
	As Elinor takes a moment to water her garden, Olive and Ari		*
	join Hazel in her dance.		
24	HAZEL	24	
	I wish I could grow yummy		
	strawberries like these at my house		
	too!		
25	ELINOR	25	
	You can, Hazel. I'll get you		*
	started with the very first S... a		
	packet of strawberry seeds.		
	Elinor hands Hazel the packet of strawberry seeds she had		
	earlier. Hazel is very excited about this and now spins		
	around in joy!		

26 HAZEL 26
Yes! I can't wait to grow my very own strawberries! *

27 OLIVE 27
Yep! As soon as you plant those seeds in your garden at home. *

Hazel stops in mid-spin as more juice runs down her chin.

28 HAZEL 28
Uhh... I don't have a garden at home. *

Elinor then has a THOUGHT BUBBLE shows Elinor helping Hazel plant a garden.

29 ELINOR 29
That's no problem. We can help you start a garden of your own. As long as your parents are okay with it.

30 HAZEL 30
(mouth full)
Are you kidding? My dad loves strawberries. He's gonna be so excited!

31 ARI 31
Mr. Lion gets excited about everything! That's why his art class is so fun! *

32 ELINOR 32
Let's head over to your house and start your strawberry garden. *

33 HAZEL 33
Can we also bring some of these yummy strawberries for my Dad? *

34 ELINOR 34
Sure! Let me go tell me my Mom we're heading out and I'll wrap up some strawberries to go. *

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.

35	HAZEL	35	
	Here we are, home sweet home.		
The kids are a bit confused as they look at the storefront.			
36	ARI	36	
	You live here? But this is a store?		
37	HAZEL	37	
	Yep. We live above the store.		*
38	OLIVE	38	
	Ooh, you live in an apartment. That is sooo cool!		
39	HAZEL	39	
	Yeah, my dad was very excited about it, of course. He likes painting on the sunny balcony.		* * *
As the kids come around to the side of the building, they see Hazel's father, Mr. Lion, painting on the balcony.			
40	ELINOR	40	
	Hi, Mr. Lion.		*
41	MR. LION	41	
	Oh, hey there, kids! Don't mind me, just taking in the scenery up here. Come on up, Hazel-basil.		* *
42	HAZEL	42	
	Okay, Dad. Elinor is gonna help me build a garden to grow yummy strawberries.		
43	MR. LION	43	
	Ooh, I love strawberries! Red is a bold color, but those berries pull it off.		* * *
44	HAZEL	44	
	See? I told ya he would love it.		
45	OLIVE	45	
	But Hazel, if you live upstairs, where are we going to make a garden? You don't have a yard.		* * * *
46	HAZEL	46	
	Ohhh...good point.		

Hazel seems puzzled at first, but Ari reassures her.

47 ARI 47
Don't worry Hazel. I'm sure... we
can figure something out, easy-
peasy.

As the kids enter the building, Elinor is confident.

48 ELINOR 48
We sure will. You can have a garden
anywhere as long as you have seeds,
soil and sun. *

49 OLIVE 49
And water! *

50 ELINOR 50
Usually that's in a backyard so we
need to investigate other places to
grow a garden....we need more
observations. *

4. INT. HAZEL'S APARTMENT -- DAY

The kids enjoy some more strawberries with Mr. Lion.

51 MR. LION 51
Oh, Hazel-basil, you were right!
These strawberries are just plain
tickling my tastebuds! I can't wait
'till you can plant some of your
own. *

52 HAZEL 52
Me either. Let's do it!

Hazel takes off to the next room, leaving everyone behind as
Mr. Lion grabs another strawberry. *

53 MR. LION 53
Well, I'd better get back to my
painting, but thanks for bringing
some color to my day, kids. Have
fun. *

As Mr. Lion gets up, Elinor leads the kids around the
apartment.

54 OLIVE 54
Okay, so we need to figure out the
best place for Hazel's garden
inside the apartment. *

62 OLIVE 62
You know, my Mom has lots of plants
inside the house, and her plants
are always in a pot or a box, so
maybe that could work for Hazel's
garden?

63	ELINOR	63	
	That's a great idea, Olive! Why don't we go into town and find the things we need for the garden.		
64	HAZEL	64	*
	I already have the first S, Seeds, so the second S is some Soil!		*
65	ARI	65	
	Now this is my kinda mission! Looking for dirt!		
	Mr. Lion then pops in.		*
66	MR. LION	66	
	Hey, kids. You heading out?		
67	HAZEL	67	
	Yep! We're looking for soil.		
68	MR. LION	68	
	Then you'd better take the wagon. It's downstairs in the shed. Good luck!		*
69	ELINOR	69	*
	Thanks, Mr. Lion.		*
	Hazel leads the way as the kids head out.		*

5. EXT. ANIMAL TOWN MAIN STREET -- DAY

With the wagon in tow, the kids walk around Animal Town. Suddenly, Ari sees an empty field nearby.

70	ARI	70	
	Look! There's plenty of dirt here!		
	Ari and Hazel run over and try to dig up the dirt with their hands, but the red dirt is really hard to dig up.		
71	ELINOR	71	
	Hmm... this soil is to hard to dig up.		*
72	OLIVE	72	
	Yeah! What we need is good, healthy brown soil like Elinor has in her garden.		*
73	HAZEL	73	
	Gotcha, brown soil. This way!		

Hazel once again takes off and the others follow closely behind, struggling to keep up with the energetic lioness.

74	HAZEL (CONT'D)	74	
	Hey, look! Will that soil work for my garden?		*

6. EXT. MZ. LLAMA'S YARD -- CONTINUOUS

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.

75	OLIVE	75	
	It just might, Hazel. Let's go see.		*

76	ELINOR	76	
	That's a beautiful tree, Mz. Llama.		

77	MZ. LLAMA	77	
	Thanks, Elinor. I just dug this hole to plant it in.		

78	ARI	78	
	Well... what are you gonna do with all that brown soil?		

79	MZ. LLAMA	79	
	I'm not sure, but if you kids need it, you can have it.		*

80	ELINOR	80	
	Thanks, Mz. Llama. I'll just get this--		

Once again, before Elinor can even react, Hazel comes running into the frame towing the red wagon.

81	HAZEL	81	
	Way ahead of you.		*

As Hazel goes to grab the dirt, Ari notices a wooden box behind Mz. Llama.

82	ARI	82	
	Mz. Llama, is this your wooden box too?		*

83	MZ. LLAMA	83	
	It is, the tree came in that box, I was planning to recycle it, but if you want to reuse it that's fine by me.		*

Before the others can even react, Hazel has already picked up the box over her head and brings it over to the dirt pile. *

84 HAZEL 84 *
Great, let's get this soil. *

85 ARI 85
Wow, she is fast. Thanks, Mz.
Llama.

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

86 MZ. LLAMA 86
Have fun, kids.

7. 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
So let's find a nice, sunny spot in
the apartment. Go!

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
How will you eat?

Next, under the kitchen table.

90 ARI 90
Not enough sun. *

Next, Hazel places the garden next to the couch.

91 ELINOR 91
Still not enough sun. *

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
REALLY not enough sun. *

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

93	ARI	93	
	Lots 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 OLIVE 95
I don't know, Elinor. I'm not so
sure there really is a good spot
for this garden in Hazel's
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. It's so hot out on the balcony with all that sun shining on you.

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

99 OLIVE 99
Mr. Lion, would it be okay to go
out and see if the balcony is a
good place for Hazel's garden?

100 MR. LION 100

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.

101 MR. LION (CONT'D) 101
Well, you kids should never go out
on the balcony by yourselves, but
since this is for such a good
cause, I suppose I could head on
out again with you.

Hazel heads out first, of course!

102 HAZEL 102
Yay! Let's go!

8. EXT. BALCONY -- DAY

The kids go out on the balcony and quickly discover that Elinor was right!

103 HAZEL (CONT'D) 103
Elinor, you were right. This is the perfect place for my garden.

104 MR. LION 104
Agreed! And might I say, a garden out here will really spruce the place up.

As it finally looks like this garden of her own is about to become reality, Hazel dances for joy.

105 HAZEL 105
Thank you soooo much everybody, for all of your help with this garden!

106 ELINOR 106
You're welcome, Hazel, but we're not done yet. We still have to make the garden.

107 HAZEL 107
That shouldn't be too hard because now we have all three S's: Seeds, soil and sun.

SONG MONTAGE: As the music rises, Elinor and her friends sing a song about the three S's. As they sing their song, the kids dance and help Hazel set up an amazing new garden right in the wooden box on the balcony and plant the seeds! *

108 ELINOR 108 *
You can build a garden anywhere *
A balcony, a yard or here or there
As long as you have these three
special things
You can have all the joy that a
garden brings.

Olive pulls out the packet of seeds and places them in little holes in the garden. *

OLIVE: The first thing to get are
your favorite seeds
(MORE)

ELINOR (CONT'D)
*To grow fruits or veggies or
whatever you need.*

Ari then carefully covers the seeds with soil.

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*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.*

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*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.

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HAZEL

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*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 song ends, we:*

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DISSOLVE TO:

9. EXT. BALCONY -- DAY (LATER)

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

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

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MR. LION

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*Oh, Hazel-basil, I am so proud of
you for taking such great care of
your garden for the last few weeks.*

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112 ELINOR 112
Me too. Everything looks great. *
Especially your strawberries! *

113 ARI 113
And it looks like they're just
about ready to be picked.

114 HAZEL 114
Way of ahead of you, Ari.

Hazel then pulls out a bowl of strawberries.

115 HAZEL (CONT'D) 115
Have a fresh, yummy strawberry.
(then, to Elinor)
And don't worry, I already washed
them.

Hazel WINKS at Elinor, who smiles, as everyone grabs a
strawberry.

116 ARI 116
Don't mind if I do!

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

117 OLIVE 117
Mmm, these are great, Hazel.

118 ELINOR 118
Yeah. I couldn't have done a better
job myself.

119 HAZEL 119
Well, there's nothing sweeter than
strawberries you've grown
yourself... on your own balcony *
garden. *

As the kids <LAUGH> and eat more berries, we:

FADE OUT. *