



GARDEN WORD FUN

Fill in the blank with your “garden word fun” terms:

Good bugs are called _____.

_____ is another word for plant food.

When we _____ the soil, we are breaking up the dirt and removing the weeds.

_____ are like vitamins for plants.

_____ is made from the breakdown of kitchen scraps and discarded plants.

We _____ the soil to make a soft bed of dirt.

_____ gardening is a method that only uses natural materials made from living things.

_____ is the process where plants turn water, carbon dioxide and sunlight into food.

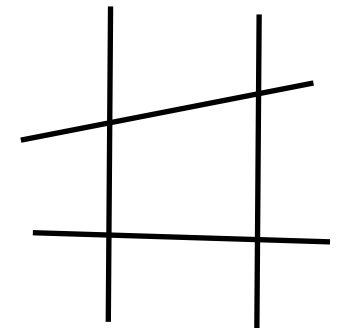
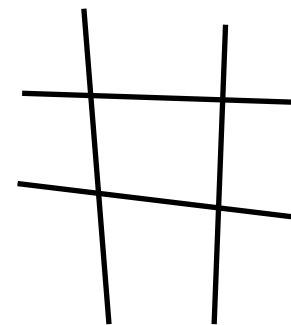
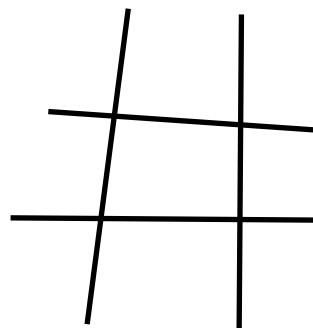
A _____ is used to kill bugs.

_____ is the time when we get to pick our veggies and eat them!

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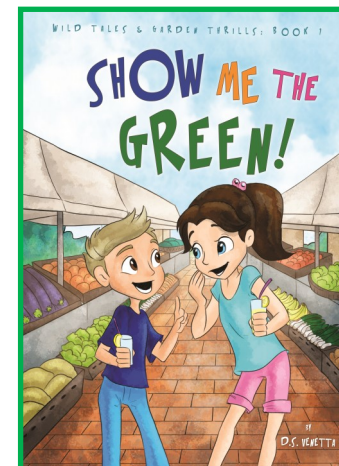
TIC-TAC-TOE



What's more fun in the garden than a pile of poop and a curious bee? How about bragging rights, two tickets to the fall festival, and a hundred dollars?



It's the First Annual Garden Contest sponsored by the local farmer's market, and Lexi and Jason Williams are determined to win. In this battle against time and Mother Nature, the kids are sidetracked by everything from caterpillars to worms, seeds to harvest. Who knew there were so many exciting things in a garden? Including poop. Worm poop, mostly. It's one of a plant's favorite foods!



SHOW ME THE GREEN!

by D.S. VENETTA

Did you know?

1. Which herb naturally repels ants?
2. Which green leafy herb is not only a delight to the nose, but aids in digestion?
3. Talk about two-timing duties, which plant actually produces two different herbs/spices?
4. Which herb is a natural breath freshener?
5. There's one plant in the herb garden most kids LOVE—it's kinda like growing your own sugar but it's not sugar cane! Can you guess what it is?
6. Which herb provides the mental boost you need before hitting the homework?
7. If you have a dog with fleas, you NEED to plant this herb everywhere—it repels the little beasts!
8. Without this insect, the world would lose a large chunk of its food source. Can you name it?

Answers:

1. mint 2. basil 3. cilantro/coriander 4. parsley 5. stevia 6. rosemary 7. lavender 8. bee