

# Tomatoes







I love tomatoes. I am going to grow a tomato plant from one of these little seeds.



First, I find a sunny spot in the garden. Then I dig a hole and put the seed in the ground and cover it with dirt. I water the seed and wait for it to grow.



My seed is growing  
into a small plant.  
Water and sunlight  
help it grow bigger  
and bigger.







There are little yellow flowers on my tomato plant now. These flowers will turn into tomatoes soon.



Tomatoes are starting to grow on my plant! These ones are not ripe yet. I have to wait until all the green is gone before I can pick them.



This tomato is finally ripe and ready to pick. It is big and very red. I think I'll taste it ...





Wow! It tastes so good!



Do you want to try one? If you plant a seed in the ground and take good care of it, you can grow tomatoes too!

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**Guided Reading: G**  
**Grade Level: 1.5**

Set 3 - Advanced 1st

**Word Count: 169**  
**Reading Recovery: 11**

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