



Gardening for Good Vocabulary



This vocabulary list is targeted for fourth and fifth grade students.

- **Biodegradable:** Substance or object capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms.
- **Carbon Dioxide:** A colorless, odorless, incombustible gas present in the atmosphere and formed during respiration and by burning carbon.
- **Compost:** A mixture of decaying organic matter used to fertilize the soil, usually made by gathering plant material, such as leaves, grass clippings, and vegetable peels, into a pile or bin for decomposition.
- **Community:** Group of people living in the same place. A fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.
- **Conserve/Conservation:** To save, preserve or protect.
- **Decompose:** Chemical compounds break down or cause to break down organic matter into component elements.
- **Farmers Market:** A food market at which local farmers sell fruit, vegetables, and bakery products directly to consumers.
- **Germination:** The process by which a seed or spore awakens from dormancy and starts to sprout.
- **Investment:** The act of putting in time and/or energy in something with the expectation of some benefit or return in the future.
- **Locally Grown:** Crops cultivated within the same region where consumption/use takes place
- **Mineral:** Substance occurring in nature, usually of definite crystal structure, but sometimes also including rocks formed by these substances as well as certain natural products of organic origin, such as asphalt or coal.
- **Native Plant:** A native plant occurs naturally in a particular ecosystem without direct or indirect human actions.
- **Natural Resource:** materials or substances such as soil, trees or water, formed in nature and necessary or useful to humans.
- **Nutrients:** Similar to vitamins, a substance that provides nourishment essential for growth and the maintenance of life. Plants absorb nutrients mainly from the soil in the form of minerals and other inorganic compounds.
- **Photosynthesis:** The process used by plants, algae, and certain bacteria to harness energy from sunlight and convert it into chemical energy.
- **Traceability:** Tracking where our food is coming from.
- **Vitamin:** Health product from foods. A group of organic compounds that are essential for normal growth and nutrition and are required in small quantities in the diet.

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