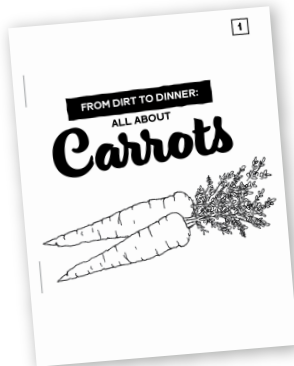
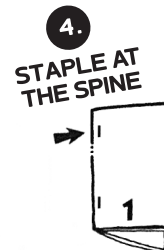
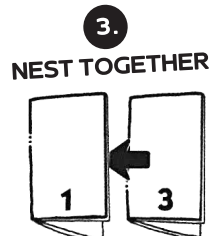
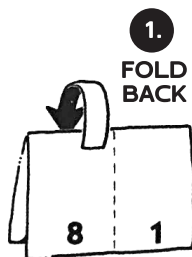
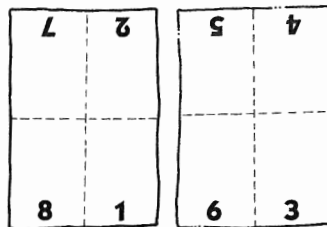


Assembling Mini Books

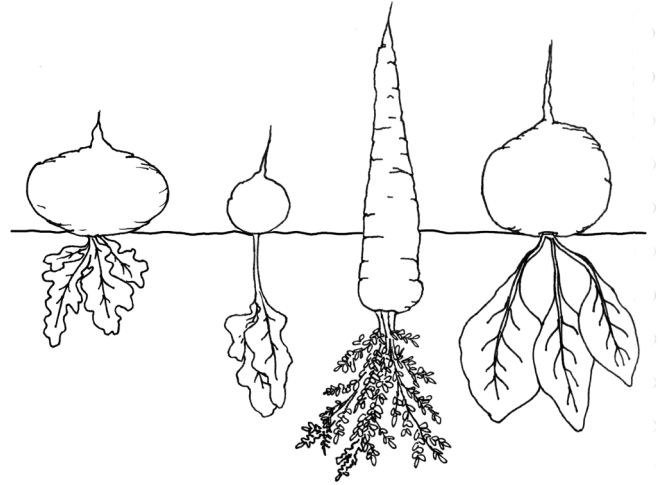


Mini books offer valuable content information in a kid-friendly format. Each student can be given his or her own book to keep. They can also color, draw, or annotate the book as instructed by their teacher. These books also provide a great home link, as students can take them home and share the information they are learning with their family.

To assemble a book follow these simple instructions.

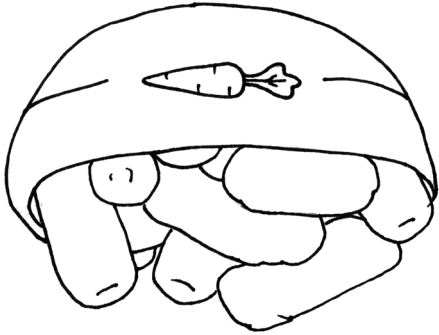


There are many types of vegetables. Some vegetables we eat are the leaves, stems, or seeds of a plant. Some vegetables, like carrots, are the roots of a plant. Radishes, onions, and turnips are also root vegetables. Root vegetables grow underground.



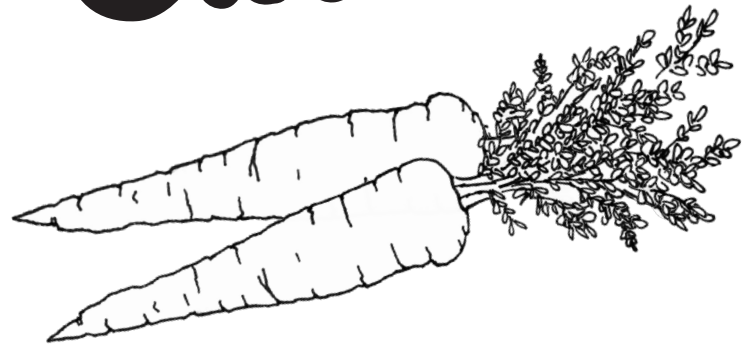
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Baby carrots are cut into two-inch pieces and tumbled inside a large drum which removes the skin and rounds the edges. Baby carrots are popular because they are sold ready to eat.



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FROM DIRT TO DINNER: ALL ABOUT Carrots



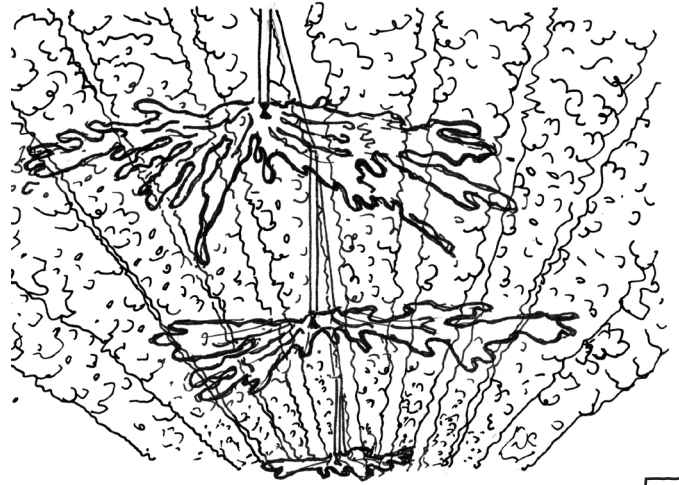
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Shoppers arrive at the grocery store and purchase carrots. Baby carrots are a popular snack, while full-sized carrots are often used as ingredients for salads, soups, and side dishes.

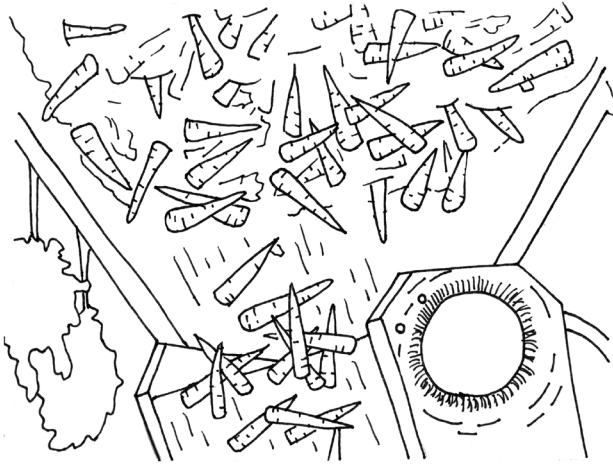
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Sprinklers are set in the fields to keep the seeds damp until they begin to grow, which can take 14 to 21 days. Soon, green leaves begin to sprout from the soil. Under the soil, carrots grow larger and larger every day.

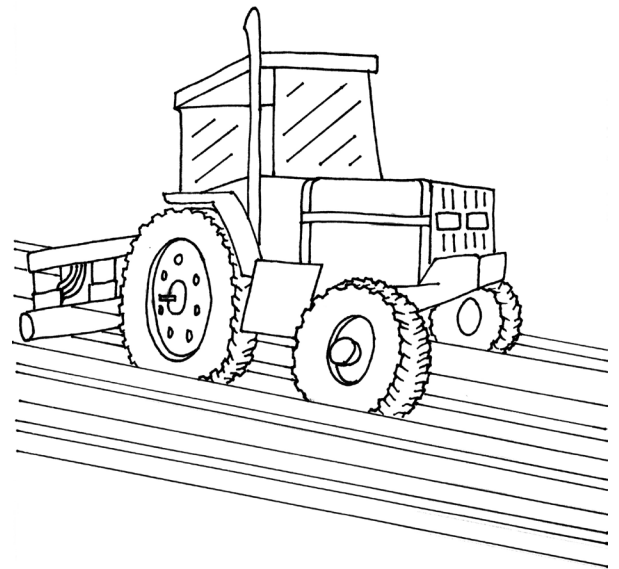


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After the carrots have been growing for three to five months, they are ready for harvest. A harvesting machine loosens the dirt under the carrots and lifts the carrots by their tops. Next, it shakes the dirt off, removes the tops, and loads the carrots into trailers.



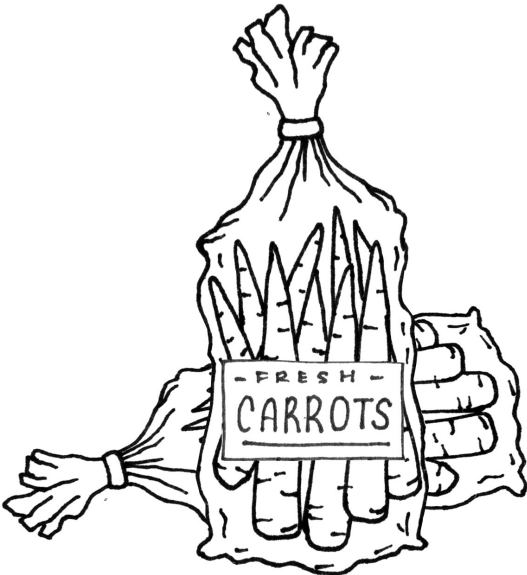
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Farmers plant carrots in the field as seeds. A tractor pulls a vegetable seed planter through the field, and the machine plants the tiny seeds at a precise depth and spacing. Carrots that are grown to be sold as baby carrots are planted close together, so they grow skinny and long. Full-sized carrots are planted further apart.

Trucks haul the carrots to a packaging plant where they are cooled, sorted, cleaned, and packaged, usually within 24 hours of harvest.



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