

The Weekend - Gardening (C0230)

A: I've decided to grow my own garden!

B: What? You don't know the first thing about gardening!

A: On the contrary, I have been reading a lot of books about the subject.

B: Oh yeah? Tell me then, smarty pants, how will you go about setting up your garden?

A: Well, first I need to buy some things, such as fertilizer, seeds and tools.

B: What type of tools?

A: You know, the basics. A rake, shovel, spade and a hoe.

B: Right. Well it seems like you have all your bases covered . What's next?

A: I'll till the soil and then sow the seeds. I'll then add some fertilizer and voila! Gardening all done!

B: Well, good luck with your garden, especially considering we are in the dry season and it won't rain for the next three months!

Key Vocabulary

On the contrary	<i>S</i>	In opposition to what has been stated
set up	<i>P</i>	to make ready for use
rake	<i>N</i>	a hand implement consisting of a row of teeth
shovel	<i>N</i>	a tool with a long handle used for lifting and throwing
spade	<i>N</i>	a tool with a heavy metal blade used for digging
hoe	<i>N</i>	a garden tool that has a flat blade on a long handle
base covered	<i>P</i>	have all the things prepared

smarty pants	<i>N</i>	a person who tries to show he is so smart
till	<i>V</i>	prepare for growing plants
voila	<i>N</i>	something used when something is being presented

Supplementary Vocabulary

sprinkler	<i>N</i>	a device attached to a water hose to spread water
pruner	<i>N</i>	a tool used to remove small branches from trees
hedges	<i>N</i>	a kind of shrub plant
garden hose	<i>N</i>	a long tube connected to a facet to disperse water
gardener	<i>N</i>	a person who tends to gardens