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Magical and Realistic: Let’s Make Some Veggies

General Purpose: To inform

Specific Purpose: To inform my audience about growing one’s own vegetables.

Thesis: To inform my audience about growing one’s own vegetables, I will describe seed and environment selection, water and fertilizer choices and finally harvesting tips to get the most from one’s own grown vegetables.

**Introduction:**

How hard it could be to growing one’s own vegetables?

It depends.

**Transition: Let’s start by looking at the choice of seed and environmental selection.**

**Body:**

**The first main point should be:** seed and environment selection

*The other main point you had was for a persuasive speech. All you are to cover are those main points you have in the thesis above.*

Transition: In order to start growing a garden, one needs to start out with two steps: seed selection and environment.

I. The first and the most important step in growing vegetables is seed and environment selection

A. There are two basic ways to get seeds you can buy seeds from store or get seeds from other gardeners.

1. Seeds are cheap in the store and they usually put out the seeds that are recommended for current season.

a. So most of the time you don’t have to worry about purchase wrong seeds. [Nursery]

b. Brian Barth, an Modern Farmer’s writer-at-large, a contributing editor at Landscape Architecture Magazine, states that “There’s no harm in choosing a few varieties that you know you’ll have to coddle because they aren’t well-suited to your climate, but it’s wise to stick with locally-adapted crops for the majority of your seed selections.”(1)

*Here I would give the class an example of seed selection if you can without mentioning the environment as that comes next.*

2. Another way to get seeds is from other gardeners, as experienced gardeners usually select their best plants for seed harvesting.

a. So the seeds that collected from those plants will give you strongest plants.

b. It is also nice to talk to these gardeners as they are local experts that can assist you in growing.

II. The second step is choosing the correct water and fertilizer to create a good environment for your garden.

A. Many of you may consider water to be the easy part of gardening, and yesyou are right, but only when you are also paying attention to the climate change.

1. Sunshine time and temperature are important for the plants.

What does this mean? What should I know about the sun? How much? And temperature? How high/low?

2. The environment will also determine how much water you feed your plants.

*Explain more about why watering is important or how it is different etc…*

a. It is important for example to Reduce watering times in winter because…..??

b. Just the same, for some plants you may need to increase water in the summer, because…???

3. The next consideration is the fertilizer.

a. Fertilizer might be a challenge for some new gardeners since you can’t feed your plants milk and nutrition pills.

b. But don’t worry, there are two ways to get fertilizer either buying it from the store or making it yourself.

i. Why we need fertilizer? Because we don’t want to wait for too long for the plants to grow and we want to have more products from what we planted.

**aa. In the article "How to Make Organic Compost for Your Garden." by Amy Jeanroy, an herbal gardener master gardener, states that, “Any herb gardener will benefit from adding nutrients and organic matter to the soil in order to grow plants well.” (2)**

***If we are to buy from the store what should we look for?   
If we are to make it ourselves what is a quick way to do that?***

***Mention both of these***

C. The last part I would like to inform you the technique of harvest.

A. The harvest is not it’s not a simple act of pulling all of your veggies from the ground. 1. **Better home and Gardens, a website developed by the garden experts, point out that “Most vegetables reach their peak flavor when they're young and tender” (3)**

***What does this mean to the harvest and pulling from ground?   
Do we first need to inspect the fruit for their age? Or know when to pull them? Explain that here***

i. Not all the plants follow the same way of harvest.—why is this and how? Explain.

ii. Some veggies can continuously produce vegetables. Like what? And why is it important to know in regards to the harvest.

Conclusion: I’m so glad that today I have chance to share those gardening information with you. I hope you always follow the three basic steps that I informed: seeds and environment selection remember you can always ask a local gardener for tips and be sure to be mindful of the climate, we also talked about the necessity of water and fertilizer like changing up your watering times and finding the right fertilizer for your plant. Finally we discussed, harvest tips and how pulling takes skill, good instincts, and some luck. Growing one’s own food is a great achievement as a natural human and it brings back way more than what you paid. There are many nice people in the city choose to grow their own green product today and you may become really good friend with them. I hope you consider the idea of growing one’s own food and the good things it comes with. Thank you.

Work Cited

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**//** **I would like to insert some gardener and environment worker’s personal interviews as the credibility sources instead of those online articles in the article once I finish those interviews.**