

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?

A CLEL Silver Bell Award Book for TALK

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This concept book invites children to make comparisons and determine whether objects are living or nonliving. The rhyming words and fold-out pages foster engagement with the text, while the question format encourages conversations between reader and children. By promoting critical thinking about categories and relationships, this book helps children build the general knowledge about the world that will help them understand what they read.

Activity Ideas for *Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?*:

- Read other lift-the-flap books together, such as *Whose Toes Are Those?* by Sally Symes or *Where's Spot?* by Eric Hill. Before you lift each flap, ask your children to guess what they will see underneath. Making predictions is a powerful way to build comprehension skills.
- Fold a large piece of paper in half and unfold it again. On the top write, "Do you know which ones will grow?" On one half, write "Yes," on the other, write "No." Sort pictures of objects (use clip art images, puzzle pieces, feltboard shapes, magazine ads, stickers, die cuts, or other pictures; you could also use found objects like leaves and rocks from a walk outside) to the "Yes" side or the "No" side, helping children name the objects and asking them to talk about where they think each should go. The more children understand about the world around them, the easier it will be for them to understand and recognize ideas in the books they read.
- Sing, "This Is the Way We Plant the Seeds," to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush." Acting out songs and rhymes gives children another way to learn the meanings of new words.
This is the way we dig the garden... This is the way we pull the weeds...
This is the way we plant the seeds... This is the way the seedling grows...
This is the way we water the ground... This is the way we smell the flower...

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