Planting Seeds

In this Remarkable Idea, students select their favorite kind of seed, and follow directions to plant them in a container.

This activity addresses:
- Science
- Spring
- Choice making
- Following direction
- Alternative methods of access for each part of the activity

What you need:
- TalkingBrix (1 for each type of seed)
- BIG/LITTLE Step-by-Step
- Gardening shovels, scoops
- Spray bottles filled with water
- Assorted vegetable/flower seeds that can be transplanted outdoors in 6-8 weeks
- Potting soil
- Shallow containers
- Small clay pots or disposable cups

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**Preparation:**

1. Record the Seed Planting Script on the Step-by-Step, one direction per step.
2. Pour the potting soil into one or more shallow containers. Put a garden shovel or scoop in each.
3. On each TalkingBrix, place a flower/vegetable picture/symbol, and record the name of the flower/vegetable.
4. Create a symbol for “directions” for the TalkingBrix and for each flower/vegetable seed available using AbleNet’s Symbol Overlay Maker. [https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/symbol-overlay-maker/](https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/symbol-overlay-maker/)

**What to do:**

1. A student gives planting directions using the Step-by-Step.
2. A student activates each of the TalkingBrix to tell all students the vegetable/flower seed options.
3. Students take turns activating a TalkingBrix to select a vegetable/flower seed.
4. Students put soil in the pot and plant their seeds in the soil.
5. Students use the spray bottles to water the seeds.

**Script:**

“We’re going to plant seeds that will grow into plants that we will put in the ground.”

“If we take care of the plants and water them every day, they will grow into flowers/vegetables.”

“We are each going to plant some seeds.”

“First, scoop some dirt into a pot.”

“Use a spoon to dig a little hole in the dirt.”

“Choose a vegetable/flower that you want to plant.”

“Put some of those seeds in the hole in the dirt.”

“Use your hands to cover the hole with dirt.”

“Spray water on the dirt.”