

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR ONIONS?

### OR "THE LAYERS OF AN ONION"

LESSON PLAN.      RESOURCES: 3 ONIONS / FLIPCHART AND PEN  
TIMING 10-15 MINUTES

#### 1. BRAINSTORMING SESSION / VISIONING EXERCISE. PRESENT ONIONS / JUGGLE WITH THREE

"The first thing I'd like you to do is try to imagine everything I had to do to grow it. Suggestions about what essential functions are required to grow it and in what order they should go. Is it just an onion like any other? It has extra value to me because I grew it."

**Write suggestions down on flipchart roughly in sequence.      5 minutes**

1. Reference list of necessary tasks in order

One suggestion each

Pass onion round group (used as talking stick)

Start off list, write "seed" on flipchart /

+ draw graphic of changes

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|-------------------|---|
| 1. Seed           | Buy Or Save Own   |
| 2. Seed Compost   | Buy Or Make Up Mix With Own Ingredients                               |
| 3. Sowing         | In A Seedtray / Cover With Newspaper / Keep Warm                      |
| 4. Watering       | For 6 To 8 Weeks Depending On Temperature                             |
| 5. Prepare Soil   | Weed-Free / Add Organic Matter / Add Lime & Fertiliser / Create Tilth |
| 6. Transplanting  | Make A Hole / Seperate Each Seedling / Drop Into Hole / Firm & Water  |
| 7. Watering       | With Can / Irrigating / Depending On Rainfall                         |
| 8. Weeding        | Hoeing / Earthing Up  |
| 9. Liquid Feeding | Liquid Seaweed / Homemade Feed  |
| 10. Harvesting    | Dry / Lift / Store  |

#### 2. Trick question      2 minutes

"how long do you think it took me to grow it?"

**Note down each person's answer.**

There are three correct answers

1. • 9 months for the onion seed to grow into a mature onion
2. • 10 hours for me to grow all the onions I grew last year ( more than 200 pounds)
3. • less than 5 minutes spent on this individual onion  
( time spent on all divided by number of onions I grew )

Learner sig.

Date

assessor sig.