How to Grow a Cress Egg Head

Year 2 reading comprehension (instructions). Read the text carefully. The questions are on the next page.

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You will need: an empty eggshell, cotton wool, cress seeds, water and a felt-tip pen.

1. Ask an adult to help you wash the eggshell carefully.
2. Draw a funny face on the eggshell with the felt-tip pen.
3. Put some damp cotton wool inside the shell.
4. Sprinkle a pinch of cress seeds on top of the cotton wool.
5. Stand your egg head on a sunny windowsill.
6. Water the cotton wool a little every day so that it never dries out.

After about a week, green cress will grow like hair on your egg head. You can give it a haircut with scissors and eat the cress in a sandwich!

Questions: How to Grow a Cress Egg Head

Tick one answer for each question. You can look back at the text as often as you like.

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1. **What do you draw on the eggshell?**
   - ☐ a flower
   - ☐ a funny face
   - ☐ your name

2. **What goes inside the shell before the seeds?**
   - ☐ damp cotton wool
   - ☐ sand
   - ☐ soil

3. **Where should you put your egg head?**
   - ☐ in a dark cupboard
   - ☐ in the fridge
   - ☐ on a sunny windowsill

4. **How often should you water it?**
   - ☐ a little every day
   - ☐ never
   - ☐ once a week

5. **How long does the cress take to grow?**
   - ☐ about a week
   - ☐ about a year
   - ☐ one hour

6. **Why are the steps numbered?**
   - ☐ to count the seeds
   - ☐ to make the page longer
   - ☐ to show the order to do them in

Answer key: How to Grow a Cress Egg Head

The correct answer for each question, with the evidence from the text.

1. **What do you draw on the eggshell?**

   a funny face

   Why: Step 2 says: Draw a funny face on the eggshell.

2. **What goes inside the shell before the seeds?**

   damp cotton wool

   Why: Step 3 is the cotton wool and step 4 is the seeds, so the cotton wool goes in first.

3. **Where should you put your egg head?**

   on a sunny windowsill

   Why: Step 5 says: Stand your egg head on a sunny windowsill.

4. **How often should you water it?**

   a little every day

   Why: Step 6 says to water it a little every day so it never dries out.

5. **How long does the cress take to grow?**

   about a week

   Why: The last part says: After about a week, green cress will grow.

6. **Why are the steps numbered?**

   to show the order to do them in

   Why: Instructions number their steps so you do them in the right order.