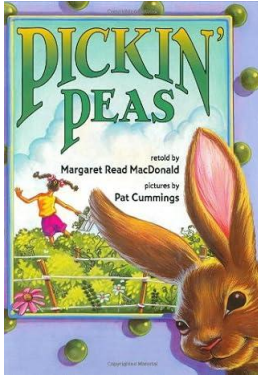


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Pickin' Peas

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Themes: Action & Consequences,
Persistence, Resourcefulness

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "What is involved in building and keeping a vegetable garden?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Think about an animal eating some of what you worked hard to grow in a garden.
- Think about the idea of how you would stop that animal from eating your growing vegetables.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What did you learn from the story about taking care of a garden?"
- Ask, "What did you learn about Rabbit's goals and Little Girl's goals?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, draw an illustration of a vegetable garden, labeling the vegetables.
- Try growing a tomato plant in a pot. What do you need to take care of the tomato plant?