

A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a white woven hat and a dark top with a white collar, is holding a large, vibrant yellow sunflower. She is standing in a field of many other sunflowers, which are blurred in the background, creating a bokeh effect. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. A white rectangular box with the title "The Sunflower" is centered over the image.

The Sunflower

Tasks based on 'The Sunflower'



Story starter

Lucy had only planted the seeds minutes earlier. Rapidly, they were growing in front of her disbelieving eyes! Within a short time, one sunflower was nearly as tall as her.

The earth began to tremble as the flower grew thicker and thicker, taller and taller.

With no sign of stopping, the plant seemed to be reaching up towards the sun. She held on tightly, not daring to wonder where she might be swept off to...

Continue the story.



Question time

- Where will the magic sunflower take Lucy?
- If you were Lucy, would you hold on to the sunflower or let go?
- How did Lucy acquire the seeds?
- What traditional tale does this remind you of?



Sentence challenge

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Please help.

The girl grabbed onto the sunflower. The plant went up into the sky.



Grammar/punctuation challenge

A parenthesis is a word or a phrase put into a sentence to give it more information.

Sometimes a parenthesis is in italics, sometimes it is in (brackets), sometimes there is a dash – and sometimes it has ‘inverted commas’ around it.

Parentheses are used to:

- Explain what a difficult word means.
- Show someone’s thoughts
- Add extra information to help the reader
- Emphasise a point

Use brackets to add extra information.

For example:

The sunflowers (which were growing at an incredible speed) caused the earth around them to tremble.



Picture it

Imagine what the sunflower will look like the next day.

Draw or describe what you have imagined.



Thank you

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