



Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Trace how one person's decision changed things for others, and how those changes led to even more changes. Follow the ripple all the way to the end.

The Sunflower Spark



"These sunflowers need a home!" Maya declared, holding up a packet of seeds. She looked at the dusty, empty lot at the end of her street. It was full of weeds and old trash. Carefully, she dug small holes and planted her seeds, watering them with a tiny plastic cup.

A few weeks later, tiny green shoots appeared. Mr. Henderson, who lived next door, saw Maya tending her plants every afternoon. "Those look thirsty, little one," he said one day, bringing out his big watering can to help. Soon, other neighbors stopped to admire the growing sunflowers. Mrs. Rodriguez brought tomato plants, and the children from down the street helped pull weeds. The dusty lot slowly turned into a patch of green and bright colors.

One sunny afternoon, Ms. Evans, a member of the town's community council, drove past. She smiled, seeing the bright flowers and happy neighbors working together. "What a wonderful idea for our town!" she thought. At the very next council meeting, Ms. Evans suggested a "Neighbourhood Green Spaces" project. Soon, the town helped other empty lots become small gardens, all because of Maya's first few sunflowers.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- (1) Which of these **BEST** explains why the dusty lot started to change? Circle the correct answer.



- A The town council decided to clean it up.
- B A big storm washed away the weeds.
- C Maya planted sunflowers there first.
- D Mr. Henderson wanted to grow tomatoes.

(2) Complete the sentence: Because _____, Mr. Henderson offered to help water the plants.

(3) What did other neighbors do after seeing the sunflowers and Mr. Henderson helping?

(4) Describe how Maya's decision to plant sunflowers led to Mr. Henderson helping and then to the town's "Neighbourhood Green Spaces" project.

(5) What might have happened if Maya had NOT decided to plant sunflowers in the dusty lot? Explain.



