

READ THE PASSAGE Think about why the author wrote the passage.

Hairy Eggshells

While eggs are a favorite food all around the world, the eggshells are usually thrown away. But you can turn them into seed pots. You need: eggs, markers, a sponge cut into small pieces, some grass or alfalfa seeds, and an egg carton. Then follow these simple steps:

1. Carefully crack each egg into two parts. Try to make one part a lot bigger than the other. Throw away the smaller part. Save the insides, and use them later for cooking.
2. Rinse out the eggshells. Let them dry.
3. Draw faces on the outsides of the dry eggshells.
4. Wet each sponge piece. Place a sponge inside each eggshell.
5. Sprinkle some seeds on top of the sponges.
6. Use the egg carton to hold the eggshells.
7. Water the eggshells lightly every day. The seeds will sprout in about one week, and the eggshell faces will have green hair!

SKILL PRACTICE Read the item. Write your response.

1. Why did the author write this text?

2. How does the numbered list help the reader understand what to do?

3. Do you think this text could be improved if it had an illustration? Why or why not?

STRATEGY PRACTICE Write a question using information you read in the passage.
