

## B1+ Reading Comprehension Worksheet 5 – Level 2

### Text: A Community Garden Project

In many cities, people are looking for ways to make urban areas greener and more environmentally friendly. One popular solution is the creation of community gardens. These gardens are shared spaces where local residents can grow vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers together.

Three years ago, the residents of a neighbourhood in Frankfurt decided to transform an empty piece of land into a community garden. The area had been unused for many years and was often filled with litter. A group of volunteers contacted the local council and received permission to begin the project.

At first, the work was challenging. The volunteers had to remove rubbish, prepare the soil, and build planting beds. Since the project had a limited budget, many materials were donated by local businesses. Residents also contributed by giving tools, seeds, and plants.

As the garden developed, more people became interested in participating. Families visited on weekends, children learned about gardening, and older residents shared their knowledge and experience. The garden soon became an important meeting place for the community.

Today, the garden produces a variety of vegetables and herbs. However, its success is not measured only by the food it provides. Many participants believe that the greatest benefit is the stronger sense of community that has developed. People who had never spoken to each other before now work together regularly and have formed lasting friendships.

The project has inspired other neighbourhoods to start similar initiatives. As a result, several new community gardens have been created across the city, helping to improve both the environment and social connections among residents.

### Questions

#### A. Multiple Choice

1. What was the condition of the land before the project began?
2. a) It was a popular park.
3. b) It was unused and often covered with litter.
4. c) It was used as a sports field.
5. How did the volunteers get permission for the project?
  - a) They bought the land.
  - b) They contacted the local council.
  - c) They asked a local school.
6. What helped the project continue despite having a limited budget?
  - a) Government funding only.
  - b) Donations from local businesses and residents.

c) High membership fees.

### B. True or False

4. The community garden project started three years ago.
5. The volunteers found the work easy from the beginning.
6. Children learned gardening skills in the garden.
7. The garden's only benefit is producing vegetables.

### C. Short Answer Questions

8. Why did the residents decide to create a community garden?
9. What work had to be done before planting could begin?
10. How did local residents contribute to the project?
11. Why is the garden considered a success?
12. What effect has the project had on other neighborhoods?

### D. Vocabulary in Context – Level 2

1. Match the words with their meanings.

transform	a) an advantage or positive result
volunteer	b) a plan or action intended to solve a problem
permission	c) to take part in something
budget	d) available money for a project
contribute	e) continuing for a long time
participate	f) a person who works without payment
variety	g) approval to do something
benefit	h) to change completely
initiative	i) different types of something
lasting	j) to give or provide something

2. Complete the sentences using words from the text.

23. The volunteers needed \_\_\_\_\_ from the local council before starting the project.

24. Many businesses decided to \_\_\_\_\_ materials to the garden.
25. The project operated on a limited \_\_\_\_\_.
26. The garden offers a \_\_\_\_\_ of vegetables and herbs.
27. One important \_\_\_\_\_ of the project is stronger social connections.

#### E. Find Evidence in the Text

Write the sentence or information from the text that supports each statement.

28. The project improved relationships between residents.
29. Older people played an important role in the garden.
30. The project encouraged similar activities in other areas.

#### Writing Task

Write 8–10 sentences.

*Would you like to participate in a community project? Why or why not? Describe what project you would choose and how it could help people.*



Answer Key

A

1. b
2. b
3. b

B

4. True
5. False
6. True
7. False

C

8. To make the area greener and improve the neighborhood.
9. They removed rubbish, prepared the soil, and built planting beds.
10. They donated tools, seeds, and plants.
11. It provides food and creates a stronger sense of community.
12. It inspired other neighborhoods to create similar gardens.

D1

13. e
14. d
15. c
16. i
17. g
18. b
19. f
20. a
21. h
22. j

D2

23. permission
24. contribute
25. budget
26. variety
27. benefit

E (sample answers)

28. "People who had never spoken to each other before now work together regularly and have formed lasting friendships."

29. "Older residents shared their knowledge and experience."

30. "The project has inspired other neighborhoods to start similar initiatives."

**Vocabulary Focus:** transform, volunteer, permission, budget, contribute, participate, variety, benefit, initiative, lasting.