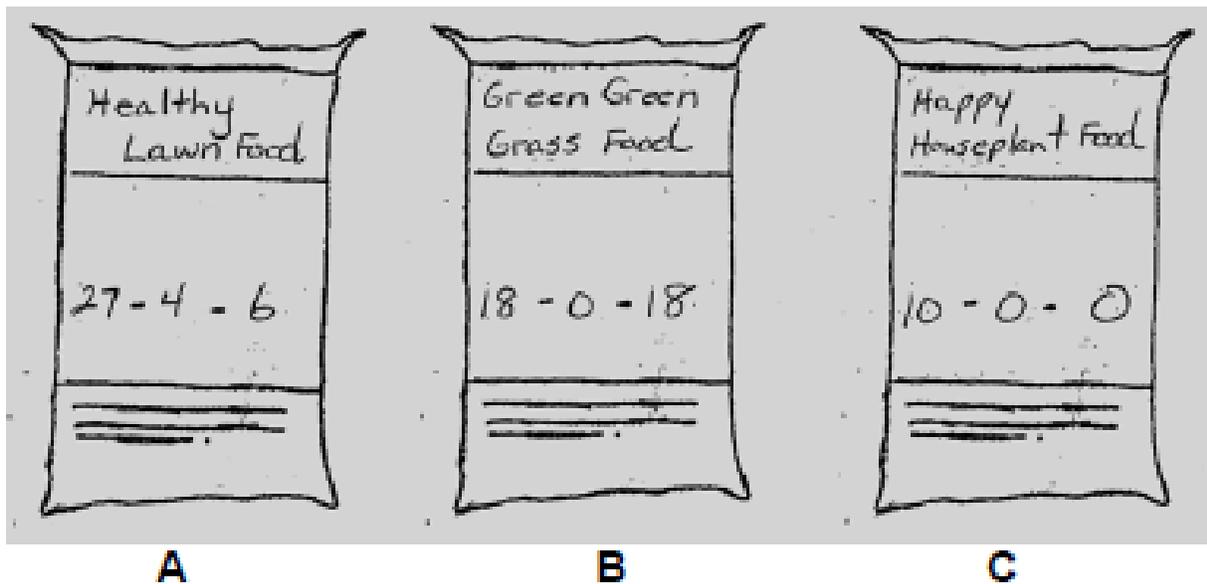




Learning Activity – Fertilizer

Look at the sample fertilizer labels on the next page and answer the following questions.

1. Which sample has the most Potassium? _____
2. Which sample has the least Nitrogen? _____
3. Which sample has the most Phosphorous? _____
4. What does the letter K mean? _____
5. What does the letter N mean? _____
6. What does the letter P mean? _____





Learning Activity – Sample Label #1

Look at sample label and answer the questions.

There is no need to read the whole label. Scan the label until you see the key word you are looking for. It is the same technique as scanning for the face of a friend in a crowd.

Use the *headings* to help find the section of the label you need.

They may be written:
Bigger
IN CAPITALS
BOLD
In different colours

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Boost® All-Round Compost
Healthy growth from seed to full bloom. Contains a wetting agent for easier watering.

Boost® All-Round Compost is ideal for promoting healthy growth from seed to full bloom. It has a rich natural base of the finest Moss Peat* with a perfect balance of lime and plant food.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

POTTING

1. Fill the new pot with Boost® All-Round Compost and leave enough room for the plant and its existing compost.
2. Place plant in the centre of the pot.
3. Fill in around the plant with Boost® All-Round Compost and use finger tips to gently firm down.
4. Regular watering is recommended.
5. A liquid feed should be added with each watering after four weeks. This will enhance colour and vigour.

HANGING BASKETS

Boost® All-Round Compost is the ideal compost for hanging baskets with its special blend of nutrients and wetting agent.

SEEDLINGS

Healthy growth and colour of developing plants is ensured by the use of Boost® All-Round Compost. Transplant seedlings to pots when they are large enough to handle and remember to water them regularly. Never lift seedlings by the stems as these are easily damaged. Lift them by the leaves.

* ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
 THE PEAT IN THIS PRODUCT HAS NOT BEEN HARVESTED FROM AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.
 Boost® is a registered trademark.

Peat*
 A symbol (*) can send you to another part of the label for extra information.

When you find the section you need you can read it more carefully to find the answer to the question.

Extra information

Sections
 The label is divided into coloured sections, including:

- product details – what it is
- where, when and how to use it.

1. Does the product have “peat” in it? _____
2. Is it good for transplanting seedlings? _____
3. Can you use it for hanging baskets? _____
4. When do you add a liquid feed? _____



Learning Activity – Sample Label #2

Read sample label #2 (below) out loud.

Make a list of the words that are new to you and check their meanings in the dictionary.
Use an extra sheet of paper if you need more space.

Ericaceous Plant Food

Concentrated

1 Litre

Ericaceous* plant food is a concentrated liquid plant food, specially formulated with extra iron for feeding all acid-loving plants. It is recommended for plants such as rhododendrons, azaleas and heathers.

Provides a fast acting, balanced nutrient supply to promote long lasting, colourful and fragrant blooms and rich green foliage.

When and where to use

For all ericaceous plant species whether they are growing in containers or in the soil. Feed weekly from March to October. Feed monthly from November to February.

How to use

Shake the bottle before use. Use the top cap of the container as a measure. For containerised and pot

plants, dilute one cap in 3 litres of water and water the plant as normal. For a 5-litre watering can, one and two-thirds caps are required. For plants grown outdoors in the soil, the mixing rate should be doubled.

Storage

Replace the cap after use. Avoid storing under very cold or very hot conditions, either under 6°C or above 40°C.

Caution

Keep the bottle away from children and animals. Do not pour the liquid into open water or down drains.

*plants of the heather family and other lime-hating plants



1. In which section of the label would you look for the following information?

- a. Whether you could store it in the shed _____
- b. How often to use it _____
- c. Whether it needs to be diluted _____
- d. What kind of product it is _____

2. Read the label carefully to find the following information:

- a. Can you use the product to feed plants in winter? _____
- b. What does this product contain that makes it so good for heathers?

- c. Can you flush unused product down the drains? _____
- d. Does the product need to be stored in a cold place all the time? _____