



# Garden Bed Mix-Up

TIME MANAGEMENT · HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

Julian kneels by the class garden bed and checks the tool tub. The class plans to plant radish seeds during the next outdoor block. A muddy hand trowel sits inside the watering can. The teacher wants the bed tidy and the seed row ready. Julian can move the picture card later, but the tools matter too. There are 25 minutes left in the garden block.

Add the minutes, decide whether all tasks fit, and choose the best set for Julian.

| TASK                                                   | MINUTES |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Rinse the muddy hand trowel and empty the watering can | 6       |
| Return each garden tool to the tool tub                | 4       |
| Pull weeds from the radish row                         | 9       |
| Make a straight seed groove                            | 6       |
| Move the picture card to the front stake               | 5       |

Time available: 25 minutes

Answer: 30 minutes — they do not fit

Think about it: Which task can wait with the least effect on planting, and what makes that choice work?

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#### TEACHER NOTE

The total is 30 minutes, so all tasks do not fit in 25 minutes. Responses will vary for the choice. A strong response keeps the jobs that make planting possible: rinse the trowel, return tools, pull weeds, and make the seed groove.

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