

Crowded Garden Bed

DECISION MAKING · WHICH WOULD YOU PICK

Jenna kneels beside the class garden bed with a hand rake. The seed packet marker shows 12 bean plants in this row. Tiny bean sprouts crowd the soil like green toothpicks. Jenna counts 19 sprouts, and some touch leaf to leaf. The teacher wants the row neat and easy to water. An empty corner near the marigolds has fresh soil.

Choose one option and give one practical reason.

- [ ] Keep 12 strong sprouts in the row and pull the crowded extras for the compost bucket.
- [ ] Move 7 extra sprouts to the empty corner near the marigolds and water both spots.

Give one reason this choice works for the garden bed.

Responses will vary. Accept any answer the student can give a practical reason for.

Think about it: Which detail matters most for Jenna's choice, the plant count or the empty corner?

TEACHER NOTE

Responses will vary. A strong answer uses the count of 19 and the planned 12 plants. Accept either option with a reason about space, water, or a neat row.

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