

Organic Farming

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Organic farming is a special way to **grow plants** and make **food**. On an organic **farm**, farmers do not use bad chemicals. They want to keep the **soil**, air, and water clean.



Organic farmers take care of their **plants** in natural ways. They use good **soil** with no harmful chemicals. They give their plants **water** from rain or clean sources. The **sun** helps the plants grow big and strong.

When farmers **plant seeds**, they choose the best ones. They put the seeds in rich, dark soil. The farmers add natural things to help the soil stay **healthy**. This makes the plants grow better.

Organic **food** is good for people to eat. It has no bad chemicals that can hurt our bodies. Many people think organic food tastes better too. The vegetables and fruits are often more colorful and fresh.

Organic farming helps protect our planet. It keeps the soil, water, and air clean for animals and people. When we buy organic **food**, we help farmers who care about the environment. Organic farms have many **green** plants and trees that make our world beautiful.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. farm _____ | a. things that people and animals eat |
| 2. plant _____ | b. to put seeds in the ground |
| 3. grow _____ | c. clear liquid that falls as rain |
| 4. food _____ | d. a place where people grow plants and raise animals |
| 5. soil _____ | e. small thing that grows into a plant |
| 6. water _____ | f. dirt where plants grow |
| 7. sun _____ | g. the bright star in the sky during the day |
| 8. seed _____ | h. good for your body; not sick |
| 9. green _____ | i. to become bigger or taller |
| 10. healthy _____ | j. the color of grass and leaves |

B. True or False

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| 1. Organic farmers use bad chemicals on their plants. _____ | 2. The sun helps plants grow big and strong. _____ | 3. Organic farmers put seeds in rich, dark soil. _____ |
| 4. Organic food has harmful chemicals in it. _____ | 5. Organic farming keeps the soil clean. _____ | 6. Rain water is not good for organic plants. _____ |
| 7. Many people think organic food tastes better. _____ | 8. Organic farms have no green plants. _____ | 9. Organic food is good for people to eat. _____ |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: grow, soil, water, farm, healthy, seeds, food

1. Farmers put _____ in the ground to make new plants.
2. Plants need _____ and sunlight to grow well.
3. Good _____ helps plants become big and strong.
4. An organic _____ does not use bad chemicals.
5. Organic _____ is good for our bodies because it is _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What is organic farming?
2. Why don't organic farmers use chemicals?
3. What do plants need to grow well?
4. How is organic food different from other food?
5. How does organic farming help protect the planet?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to visit an organic farm? Why?
2. What vegetables would you like to grow in a garden?
3. Do you think organic food is worth buying? Explain your answer.

Answer Key

A. Vocabulary: 1-d, 2-b, 3-i, 4-a, 5-f, 6-c, 7-g, 8-e, 9-j, 10-h

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-seeds, 2-water, 3-soil, 4-farm, 5-food/healthy

D. Comprehension: 1. A special way to grow plants and make food without using bad chemicals; 2. They want to keep soil, air, and water clean; 3. Good soil, water, and sun; 4. Organic food has no bad chemicals and tastes better; 5. It keeps soil, water, and air clean for animals and people