Answer key

A root at the window

Read about Mae’s bean. Use the story to answer each question.

Mae tucked a bean and a wet paper towel inside a clear jar. She set the jar by the window. Every morning she drew what she saw. On Monday there was only a bean. On Thursday a white root poked out. By Saturday a green shoot bent toward the light. Her brother wanted to dig it up to see the root. Mae held the clear jar up to the window instead. He could see the root, and the bean could keep growing.



What did Mae do each morning?

She drew what she saw.

Which appeared first, the root or the green shoot?

The white root appeared first.

Why did Mae hold up the jar?

Her brother could see the root without digging up the bean.