

Reap What you Sow! 园艺在英国盛行

英语学习点: *Gardening Vocabulary* 和园艺有关的词汇

Odd things are happening to Brits... we seem to be developing green fingers!

The number of people growing their own fruit and veg has almost doubled in the past year, according to *Gardeners' World* magazine.

Gardens and allotments across the UK have been put to use as people discover the joys of home-grown produce.



Brits are developing green fingers!

But not everyone has space for a vegetable patch or a flowerbed. And sometimes a window box just isn't enough of a gardening challenge.

That's why some people have been turning to guerrilla gardening. This is when people plant flowers or vegetables in public spaces to make them greener and more pleasing to the eye.

Many people would approve of prettifying towns and cities, but guerrilla gardening is not strictly legal. Therefore, this type of gardening often takes place in the dead of night.

But the stereotype of the keen gardener is not someone who wears combat boots and breaks the law. It is of someone who wears wellies and spends all their time in greenhouses and potting sheds. We expect such a person to know every aspect of how to tend and cultivate their plants.

Yet, despite the increase in people growing their own, more than half of the UK population still do not know when 18 out of the top 22 fruit and vegetables are in season, according to *Gardeners' World*.

It seems that Britain still has some way to go before we can justifiably be called a nation of gardeners.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What has happened to British people's hands recently?
2. Has gardening increased by over 100%?
3. Is it possible to legally garden public property?
4. Why do some people garden at night?
5. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Brits who have started gardening recently still don't know when many fruit and vegetables are in season.*

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. More and more Brits are _____.

tending	producing	home-growing	growing their own
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2. Another way of saying vegetables is _____.

veg	veggie	vegs	tables
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3. Gardeners generally know how to _____ their plants.

tell	tent	tend	tempt
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4. A small building made of glass is called a _____.

vegetable patch	allotment	greenhouse	potting shed
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5. To _____ something means to make it pleasing to the eye.

tend	prettify	modify	cultivate
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What has happened to British people's hands recently? Nothing. To have green fingers is an idiom, meaning to be good at gardening.
2. Has gardening increased by over 100%? No, it has almost doubled.
3. Is it possible to legally garden public property? Yes, if you have an allotment, which is rented off the local authority.
4. Why do some people garden at night? Because they are breaking the law by gardening illegally.
5. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Brits who have started gardening recently still don't know when many fruit and vegetables are in season.* Not given – we know that more than half of the UK population don't know this information, but not whether these are the same people who have started gardening recently.

Exercise 练习

1. More and more Brits are growing their own.
2. Another way of saying vegetables is veg.
3. Gardeners generally know how to tend their plants.
4. A small building made of glass is called a greenhouse.
5. To prettify something means to make it pleasing to the eye.

Glossary 词汇表

to reap what one sows 种瓜得瓜，种豆得豆	to have green fingers 形容有园艺才华的人
fruit and veg 蔬果	allotment [英](划成小块出租的)菜地
home-grown 自家种植	produce 农作物
vegetable patch 菜地	flowerbed 花坛
window box 放在窗台上的长花盆	guerrilla 游击队式的
to prettify something 美化某物	the dead of night 深夜
wellies 雨靴	greenhouse 温室
potting shed 盆栽棚	to tend something 照顾某物
to cultivate something 培养某物	to grow one's own 种植自己的蔬菜和水果
in season 当季的	a nation of gardeners 园艺大国