



Learning about Horticulture (Gardening)

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It's all about the plants, and what you do with them.

There are 2 types of Gardening...



1) Gardening to grow plants, for flowers, fruits, or vegetables, to be sold in lots of different places, such as garden centres; they are often grown in nurseries, under large areas of glass.



2) Gardening to grow plants, for fun open spaces and gardens, sometimes open for everyone, to enjoy in their spare time.



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Here are places where Gardening is done...



- Parks and Gardens, looking after flowerbeds, greenhouses, bushes, and lawns.



- Landscaping building and making nice places to be, like a patio; or it could be inside, like an office where there are indoor plants



- Sports grounds, or greenkeeping - where you care for golf courses.



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Try these questions to see if Gardening is for you ...



Would you work outside, often in all weathers?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you wear clothes that get dirty?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you talk with other people, like visitors?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you enjoy practical or physical tasks, such as
digging?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you grow plants, from seeds to trees?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you use tools and machinery, like a mower?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you be tidy and wear safety gear, like gloves?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you be creative, to make fun spaces for others?

Yes – No – Maybe

Would you sort bits that aren't so nice, like old leaves or
slugs?

Yes - No - Maybe

If the Yes and the Maybe are
more than the No, then
Gardening might be for you!

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What to do next for Gardening

If you have a garden at home, help out, or water the house plants.

If you don't have a garden, where else could you help out or volunteer?

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Which type of Gardening would you like to do?

- Grow plants to sell?
- Grow plants for fun?



Make a list of all the places in your area where you could do the Gardening you like:

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When you have a list, ask them if they need a volunteer or helper – for you to get more experience.

Or could you ask them if they need a part-time or full-time worker?

If you like plants and people, but not digging, you may want to think about a place like a garden centre, where they may also have a shop or café where workers are needed.



Other jobs like Gardening are, farming, building, working with trees (forester/tree surgeon) or a countryside park ranger.

We hope you know more about Gardening now, and if it's for you.

