

# Pumpkins in the Patch



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**To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.  
Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!  
Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.  
Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!**

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The brown and orange leaves fell off of the trees. The hay had been baled. It was getting cooler outside. It was fall on the farm.



The pumpkins were ripe in the patch. They were big and fat. They came in all shapes and sizes.





**The farmer felt the chill in the air.  
“It is time to fetch the pumpkins,”  
he thought.  
He put on a warm coat and  
hat. He slipped on his boots and  
laced them up.**



**He brought his trusty horse out  
of the barn. The horse seemed  
to know what was to come next.  
The horse neighed at the kind  
farmer and swished its tail.**





The farmer picked up some hay with his pitch fork and fed his horse.

“Eat well,” he said, “because we will be working hard tonight.”



After a short while, the farmer hitched the old cart to his horse. He looked at his watch. It was the start of a long day.



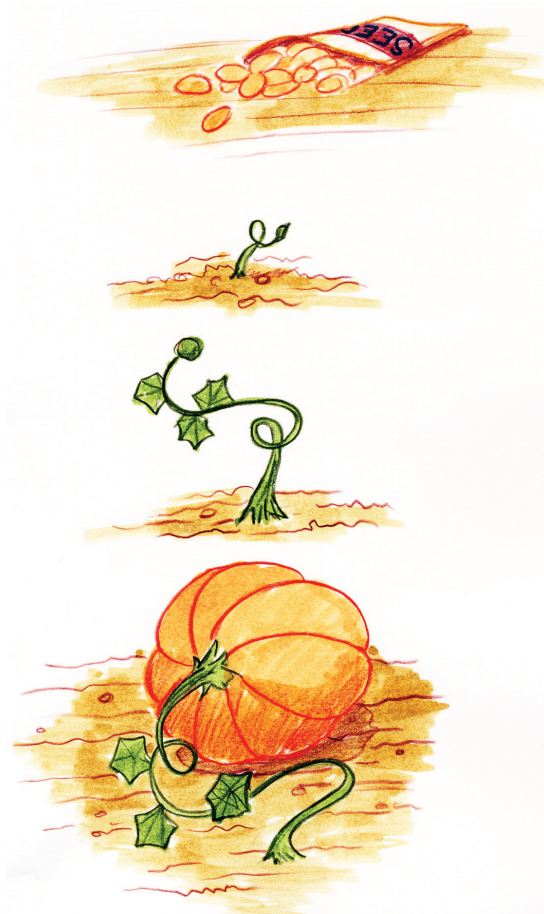


The farmer closed the latch on the barn door. Off he went, with his horse and cart, to the pumpkin patch. Clip, clop. Clip, clop.



The farmer was proud of his prize-winning pumpkins.

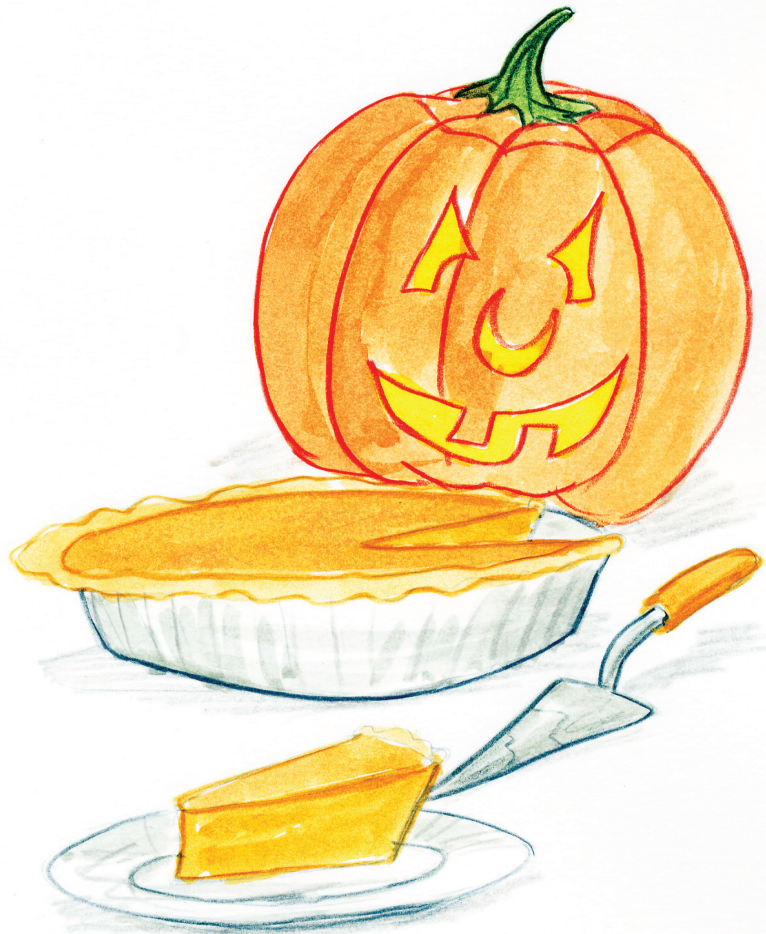




When the farmer was just a boy, his father had taught him how to grow pumpkins. From little seeds, the bright green vines sprouted and buds formed. The buds grew into the big, orange pumpkins.



People came from far away and bought the pumpkins.



Some pumpkins were good for carving. Some were good for pies.



This year there were more good pumpkins than ever! The farmer cut the pumpkins off of the vines and placed them in the cart. Slowly, he and his horse made their way back to the barn. The sun would be setting soon.



# Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

## Conversation Time (discussion with reader)

Do you know how a pumpkin grows? See if you can put these in the correct order.

- Roots from the seed begin to grow.
- The vine grows and grows and a bud forms on the vine.
- A seed is planted in the soil.
- The pumpkin gets bigger and bigger. It turns from green to orange.
- A tiny green plant sprouts from the soil to form a vine.
- A green pumpkin grows from the bud.
- The farmer picks the ripe pumpkins from the pumpkin patch.



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## Comprehension

1. How can you tell it was fall on the farm?
2. What did the farmer feed his horse?
3. Who had taught the farmer how to grow pumpkins?
4. Did the farmer sell a lot of pumpkins? How do you know?
5. What did people do with the pumpkins they bought?

## Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)



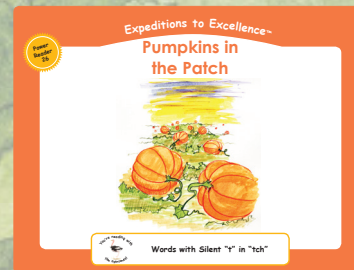
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