Think About Vegetables

Read the information report below and answer the questions.

Vegetables are plants that are grown for food.

Vegetables are seasonal, which means different vegetables grow best at different times of the year. Because Australia's climate varies so much across the country, Aussie farmers can provide an assortment of vegetables for us all year round! Plant breeders have used science to help them develop new vegetable varieties that are suited to the Aussie climate. This means we can have the best quality vegetables possible at all times.

Vegetables grow in a variety of ways. Some, including zucchini and pumpkin, grow on vines that spread out across the ground, some like lettuce and broccoli, grow like flowers out of the soil and others, like potatoes and carrots, grow their edible part underground, these are called root vegetables.
Vegetables need lots of water, excellent soil, sunlight and lots of care from farmers to grow well.

Questions

1. What are vegetables?

2. What does 'seasonal' mean?

3. List two reasons why it is possible for Australians to have lots of different vegetables all year round.

4. List three things that vegetables need to grow well.

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5. Name two root vegetables. Can you think of any others?

6. List three vegetables you have eaten this week and describe how each grows.

7. Why do you think some vegetables spread out across the ground when they grow?

Extension: Draw and label a garden bed with two vines, two leafy vegetables and two root vegetables growing.

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