



### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Questions can be discussed with children under 3rd grade, and older children can develop answers to respond. These are built to spark conversations.

- Who is Abdul Gasazi?
- What rules do Fritz and Alan break in the garden?
- Do you think Mr. Gasazi is nice or not nice?
- What do you think - did Mr. Gasazi really turn Fritz into a duck, or did Alan just imagine the whole thing?



**ACTIVITY 1 - Plant Parts**

Go outside and find a plant. Try to choose a small weed or other plant that you can pull up with the roots intact and do so. Lay it on or tape it to this sheet and draw a line from each label to the part of the plant. Not all plants have the parts marked with an asterisk (\*), so you may need to do a little research!

**FLOWERS\***

**FRUIT\***

**SEEDS\***

**THORNS\***

**LEAVES**

**STEMS**

**ROOTS**

**(Some plants have  
BULBS with their roots!)**



## **ACTIVITY 2 - Plant Parts We Eat**

You will need:

- Fruits and vegetables - can be dried
- Nuts
- 6 large bowls
- Scissors
- Tape

Did you know that we eat all different parts of plants? Even animals like Fritz (and Fritz the duck) eat plants every day. We are going to sort our plant-based products by the type of plant part that they are.

Cut out the labels on the next page and tape them to your 5 large bowls. Spread the bowls out around a large room so that you have plenty of room to put things in and beside the bowl.

Sort the plant-based foods you have gathered by what parts of the plant they are. Some examples:

Fruit: Apples, Oranges, Tomatoes, Peppers

Leaves: Spinach, Lettuce, Kale, Cilantro

Seeds: Peas, Green Beans, Pecans, Walnuts

Stems: Celery, Asparagus, Green Onion, Broccoli

Roots: Carrots, Potatoes, Turnips, Radishes

Flowers: Cauliflower, Capers, Artichoke, Cabbage

If there is something that you can't figure out, ask an adult or look it up online:

<https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/grow-up-great/lesson-center/farm-to-preschool/plant-parts-we-eat.html>

When you are finished, can you come up with a recipe that uses something from each category? Here's one I came up with!

### **Raggedy Auntie's Chopped Salad**

Fruit: Black Olives

Leaves: Spinach & Lettuce

Seeds: Pepitas (pumpkin seeds)

Stems: Green Onion

Roots: Radishes

Flowers: Capers

Chop the black olives, radishes, and green onions into small pieces.

In a large bowl, Chop up the Spinach and Lettuce into very small pieces. Scissors help with this step!

Add black olives, radishes, green onions, pepitas, and capers to taste.

Toss with a little olive oil and vinegar and salt and pepper to taste!

Fruit

Leaves

Seeds

Stems

Roots

Flowers