

#### A6 Organic gardeners do/do not game



This game uses two sets of cards to match pictures with their corresponding statements. Answer sheet and cards follow. The aim is to teach the main techniques of organic gardening and how they work with the natural environment, from pests and flowers to wildlife and compost.

#### Resources

- Printed copies of following picture/text card
  - Organic gardeners do... (eight cards)
  - Organic gardeners do not... (four cards)
- Scissors or a guillotine/trimmer
- Laminator (optional)

#### **Activity**

- I Cut out sets of picture and text cards (enough for the class size). Laminate if required. Shuffle the cards.
- 2 Match each picture with the appropriate statement, discussing good organic practice along the way.

#### **Example**



Organic gardeners
do not...

trample on the vegetable plot.
This compacts the soil making
it difficult for roots to develop
well

#### **Extended activity**

In groups, discuss how you would carry out good organic practice in your school garden.

Health &	Younger children will require adult help if using scissors.
Safety	See also Health and Safety Guidelines (Section B3.3)
Further	B4.2 What is organic gardening?
information	'Garden Organic Guidelines' (see DVD)
	'Encyclopaedia of Organic Gardening' by Pauline Pears. ISBN 1405308915
	Garden Organic www.gardenorganic.org.uk/schools

#### Answer sheet for Organic gardeners do/do not game

Photo	Statement – Organic gardeners do
Compost	Use kitchen and garden waste to make compost for growing healthy vegetables.
Attractant plants	Grow flowers and herbs to attract insects into the garden.
Leafmould	Collect dead leaves to rot down for making leafmould.
Green manures	Use green manures such as clover and mustard in the vegetable plot.
CD bird scarer	Get creative re-using materials in the garden.
Frog	Make a home for frogs and toads in the garden.
Water butt	Use water butts to conserve water.
Earthworm	Make friends with earthworms.

Photo	Statement – Organic gardeners do not
Pesticides	Use herbicides and pesticides in the garden, that can move through the food chain and can harm many living creatures.
Standing on soil	Trample on the vegetable plot. This compacts the soil, making it difficult for roots to develop well.
Peat	Use products made from peat. Peat is taken from special habitats which have taken thousands of years to develop.
Poorly plant	Grow the same crop in the same place year after year. Changing the location of crops helps to prevent pests and diseases.

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## Organic gardeners do . . .

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### Organic gardeners do . . .

make a home for frogs and toads in the garden

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Organic gardeners do . . .

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Organic gardeners do not...

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