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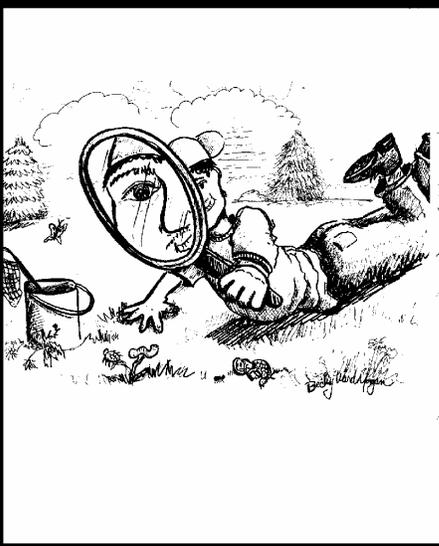
Curb Appeal Lesson Two: Lawn Care

Student Handouts

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Activity #1: Steps to Lawn Care Script

- Step 1: Rake leaves and debris.
- Step 2: Level high or low spots.
- Step 3: Test the soil.
- Step 4: Cultivate the right grass.
- Step 5: Water deeply.
- Step 6: Check the lawnmower. Adjust the blade carefully. Put on safety gear.
- Step 7: Mow the grass to the proper height. Use a sharp blade.
- Step 8: Inspect thoroughly for disease, insects, and weeds.
- Step 9: Apply fertilizer and pesticides evenly.



Activity #2: Vocabulary

Handout A



Write the missing letters. Write the word.

1. l ____ wn _____
2. soi ____ _____
3. gra ____ _____
4. i ____ sec ____ s _____
5. fe ____ til ____ z ____ r _____
6. w ____ ____ ds _____
7. m ____ w _____
8. pes ____ ici ____ es _____
9. d ____ br ____ s _____
10. la ____ n ____ ow ____ r _____

Put the words in alphabetical order:

Activity #2: Vocabulary

Handout B



Match the vocabulary word (on the left) with its definition (on the right).

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|---------------|---|
| 1. lawn | a. small animal with six legs and three body parts |
| 2. soil | b. to cut |
| 3. grass | c. area of ground around a house or park |
| 4. insects | d. a chemical used to kill insects that destroy crops |
| 5. fertilizer | e. plant used as a ground covering |
| 6. weeds | f. loose materials or trash |
| 7. mow | g. wild, unwanted plants |
| 8. pesticides | h. machine used to cut grass |
| 9. debris | i. top layer of earth |
| 10. lawnmower | j. material put on soil to help plants grow |

Choose 3 words from the list. Use them in a new sentence.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Activity #3: Multilevel Dictation

Handout A



Steps to Lawn Care

1. Rake _____ and debris.
2. Level _____ or _____ spots.
3. Test the _____.
4. Cultivate the right _____.
5. _____ deeply.
6. Check the _____.
Adjust the _____ carefully.
Put on _____ gear.
7. _____ the _____
to the proper height. Use a sharp blade.
8. Inspect thoroughly for _____,
_____, and _____.
9. Apply _____ and
_____ evenly.

Activity #3: Multilevel Dictation

Handout B



Steps to _____ Care

1. Rake _____ and _____.
2. Level _____ or _____ spots.
3. _____ the _____.
4. _____ the right _____.
5. _____ deeply.
6. Check the _____.
Adjust the _____.
Put on _____ gear.
7. _____ the _____
to the _____ height.
Use a _____ blade.
8. Inspect _____ for
_____, _____,
and _____.
9. Apply _____ and
_____.