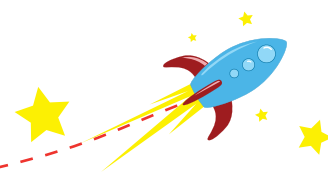


## Teaching Notes: *Emily Green's Garden*

Written by Penny Harrison  
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### SYNOPSIS

Emily Green lives in a perfectly lovely house, in a perfectly lovely street where people are always busy and bustling, hurried and hustling. One day Emily Green decides she wants to bring the outside into her home. She catches a glimpse of something green on the pavement, and visits the library to learn more about plants. Soon she has created something magical. She just needs to share it with others ...

### AUTHOR BACKGROUND

Penny is a children's book author, a book reviewer, garden writer and lifestyle journalist. She has been a professional writer for more than twenty years, contributing to a range of leading Australian magazines, newspapers, guides and books, writing about everything from raising toddlers to raising chickens. Penny lives in a rambling old garden, on the edge of the Yarra Valley, with her husband and two young children, where she loves filling the house with books, plants and music.

### ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND

Megan is an Australian illustrator, author, painter and printmaker. In 1995 she completed a Bachelor of Visual Arts at Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, and has a graduate diploma in Education specialising in Visual Art and English. She went on to study printmaking at Studio West End in Brisbane under Vim De Voss. These days she works out of her studio in Manly, Brisbane, in Queensland, Australia. Her recent book with New Frontier Publishing, *All I Want For Christmas is Rain* written by Cori Brooke, was shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Awards (CBCA) 2017 Book of the Year Early Childhood.

### HOW THE BOOK ENHANCES LEARNING

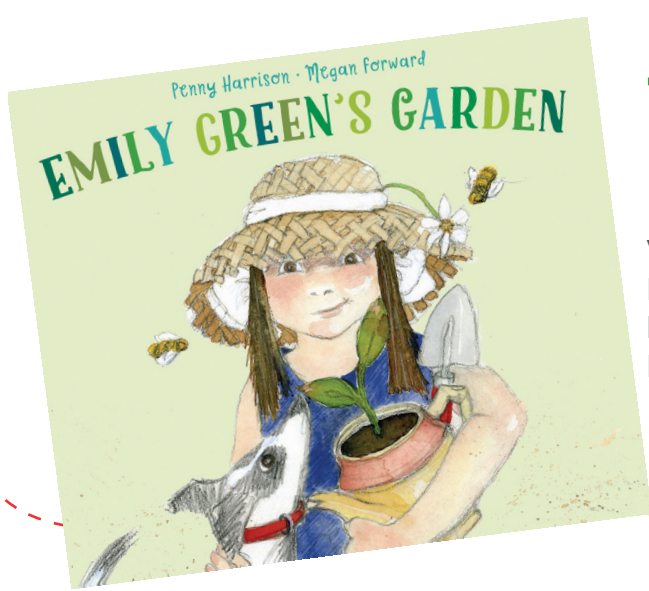
*Emily Green's Garden* demonstrates the beauty of gardening and the importance of sharing things with others. It deals with the fragile nature of the environment whilst exploring creativity and play.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Introduce *Emily Green's Garden* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
  - a. Get the children to look closely at the front cover:
  - b. What can they see?
  - c. Why do they think those particular colours were chosen for the front cover?
2. What do they think Emily is doing on the front cover?
3. Does anyone have their own garden at home?

After reading the book:





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1. Ask the children:
  - a. What did they think of the story?
  - b. What were their favourite parts or least favourite parts and why?
  - c. Would they have done anything differently to Emily in the story?
2. Ask them to think of an unusual place that they could grow a garden or a plant?
3. Where is the biggest and/or most beautiful garden they have ever seen? Why was it so beautiful?



# Help Emily Green create a fantastic garden!



It must include:

1. Three different kinds of plants
2. Lots of colour!



# Emily Green's Garden Word Search



Can you find all the words?

Name: ..... Class: .....

B R Y Q U Z B O T D O H A E G  
C E I E L B E I U O A V O Y I  
Z E Z Q Z T V P O P U L B H M  
J Q V G K X B S Q N M V K J C  
W V R R X U R C L Y H G F A D  
W L K T Q F B I W B J E Z U V  
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A M J S L V E G A R E D E C M  
M Q L L A T M P P Z E D E R D  
P A E E N V I R O N M E N T G  
R Y G X T F L R X L Q A T N V  
R H R Y A M Y V M O N U L M V

GARDEN   PLANTS   GREEN  
EMILY   STREET   ENVIRONEMNT



# Match the images from the book to the word

Draw a line from the images on the left of the page  
to their word.

Name: ..... Class: .....



PENCILS



WATERING CAN



DOG



LADYBIRD



POT PLANT