

Caring for Growing Things

Chapter 4: Growing Up With Nature · Topic 2

Key Concept

Plants need regular watering, sunlight, and good soil, while also needing protection from pests and extreme weather.

Young animals, like puppies or chicks, need proper food, a safe and clean space, and sometimes warmth, especially when very young.

Overcaring, like overwatering plants or overfeeding animals, can be just as harmful as neglect, so understanding proper care amounts matters.

Learning to care for growing things teaches us responsibility, patience, and empathy, valuable qualities we can apply throughout our lives.

Quick Revision Notes

- Plants need water, sunlight and good soil.
- Plants need protection from pests and extreme weather.
- Young animals need food, safety and cleanliness.
- Young animals may need warmth when very young.
- Overcaring can be as harmful as neglect.
- Proper care amounts matter for healthy growth.
- Caring for growing things teaches responsibility.
- It also teaches patience and empathy.

Practice Questions

- 1 Care for a plant for a week, tracking your care routine.
- 2 Discuss how to properly care for a pet, if you have one.
- 3 Explain why overwatering a plant can be harmful.
- 4 List three things a young animal needs to grow well.
- 5 Discuss a time you cared for something growing.
- 6 Explain what responsibility means in caring for living things.