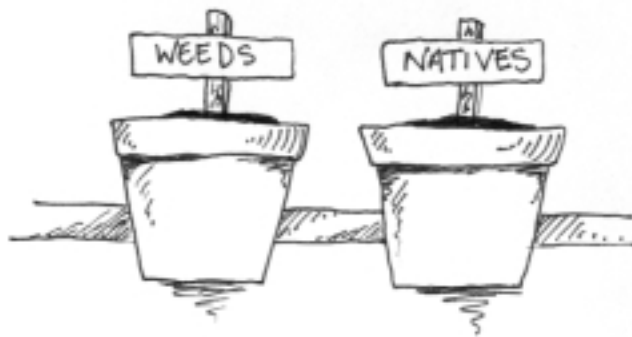


When weeds ATTACK!

Plants grow at different rates. Some grow quickly while some like to take their time. Let's compare native plants (plants that originally were only found in Australia) to weeds.

You will need;

- 2 milk cartons with little holes cut in the bottom or small pots
- Potting mix
- Native seeds
- Weed seeds
- A waterproof texta (to write on the milk cartons)



Plant your seeds in two different pots. Make sure you label CAREFULLY, which pot has the weeds in it and which pot has the natives. Put your pots in a sunny, well protected spot and water carefully.

One week

Have a look at your plants. Carefully measure both plants (be VERY careful, they are only babies and you could hurt them if you are rough). Which is bigger, the weeds or the native plant?

Native plant: _____ cms

Weed: _____ cms

Two weeks

Measure your plants again, is one bigger than the other?

Native plant: _____ cms

Weed: _____ cms

Three weeks

How are they going?

Native plant: _____ cms

Weed: _____ cms



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Four weeks

They must be getting big by now!

Native plant: _____ cms

Weed: _____ cms

Five weeks

Is there much difference?

Native plant: _____ cms

Weed: _____ cms

Six weeks

Last measurement!

Native plant: _____ cms

Weed: _____ cms

Using graph paper, draw a graph to show these results.

Which grew faster, the native plant or the weed? _____

Write a paragraph about what might happen if weeds got into our native forests?



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