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The illustration depicts a man and a young girl in a garden shop. The man, wearing green overalls over a white t-shirt, is smiling and holding out a small handful of yellow seeds to the girl. The girl, with her hair in a ponytail and wearing a blue shirt, looks surprised. The shop has wooden walls and shelves. On a shelf behind them are a blue watering can and a silver watering can. A window to the right shows a green lawn, a white picket fence, and a tree. On a table in the foreground, there are several small brown seed packets in a blue box, along with a stack of grey pots.

STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Reread

Skill: Character, Setting, Events

Phonics

initial *h*

High-Frequency Words

my

Word count: 130



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Uncle Hank has a garden.
I want a garden too.

Uncle Hank said, "I have
seeds in the shed."



We found the seeds. They are mystery seeds.

“What will grow?” I asked.



I planted my mystery seeds.
Uncle Hank gave them water.
Then we waited for them
to grow.



I helped pull weeds.

Uncle Hank said, "We don't want weeds to grow here."



It got sunny, and my
plants grew.
The stems got taller.
The leaves got bigger.



My plants grew and grew.
Look at my mystery
seeds now!



Now we have food to eat.
We have seeds for our next
garden too!

Literacy Activities



Seeds Need

Talk to a partner about what seeds need to grow.



I Can Grow It!

Draw something that you could grow from a seed. Write a sentence about it.

I can grow _____.



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