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Patty Potter's Pretties

Math Story by Claudette J. Young

Patty Potter loved flowers. She wanted to share that love with her friends in class. Patty talked with her teacher, Mrs. Mills. They came up with a plan.

The school gave the class a small plot of dirt for their flower garden. The students took turns digging up the dirt with a shovel. They added mulch to make the dirt healthy.



The students also brought seeds to class for planting in the garden.

Patty added the number of seeds brought by each student to a chart.

Tall Plant Seeds

Marigold seeds: Nancy—10, Greg—3

Poppy seeds: Wanda—12, Arthur—17

Buttercup seeds: Linda—9

Daisy seeds: Mrs. Mills—50

Small Plant Seeds

Pansy seeds: Peter—15, Sarah—6, Patty—22

Johnny jump-up seeds: Ralph—5, Melissa—13

Baby blue eyes seeds: Missy—10

Primrose seeds: Mary—7

Patty showed the class her chart. "We have more than enough seeds to plant in our patch," she said.



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She took great care to make sure each seed got just enough water.

Everyone in the class took turns caring for the garden. They measured the growth of the plants after they sprouted. They watered and they weeded as Mrs. Mills taught them. On Earth Day, the class showed everyone in the school what Patty Potter had started.

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Use information from the story to answer the questions.
Show your work in the space to the right.

1. How many students brought seeds for Patty Potter's garden? _____
2. How many pansy seeds were brought for the garden? _____
3. If there are 20 students in the class, how many did not bring seeds? _____
4. Who brought the most seeds? _____
5. How many poppy and daisy seeds were brought to school? _____
6. How many seeds were brought for small flowers? _____

7. 

8. _____
9. How many more pansy seeds did Patty bring than Peter? _____
10. Were there more tall plants or short plants in the garden? _____

ANSWER KEY

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Use information from the story to answer the questions.
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1. How many students brought seeds for Patty Potter's garden? **12**
2. How many pansy seeds were brought for the garden? **43**
3. If there are 20 students in the class, how many did not bring seeds? **8**
4. Who brought the most seeds? **Mrs. Mills**
5. How many poppy and daisy seeds were brought to school? **79**
6. How many seeds were brought

7.



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9. How many seeds did Patty bring than Peter? **7**

10. Were there more tall plant seeds or short plant seeds in the garden? **tall plants**