

# Rooftop Gardens Change City Life

## ARTICLE READING

*In busy cities, some people are turning empty rooftops into gardens. They grow herbs, vegetables, flowers, and small trees in safe boxes. A rooftop garden can give people a quiet place above the traffic. It may also provide fresh food for a cafe, school, or group of neighbors. Gardeners must check the building, carry water, and protect the plants from strong wind. They also need a plan for hot weather. The work can be difficult, but many people enjoy watching a seed become a plant. A garden on a roof can make a gray building feel more alive and can give neighbors a reason to meet.*

If your building had a rooftop garden with one impossible plant, what would it grow?

1. What plant would you grow on a city rooftop?
2. How could people safely carry water to a high garden?
3. Would you rather grow food or flowers? Why?

4. What could neighbors do together in a rooftop garden?
5. What impossible plant would make the garden famous?
6. Should every large building have a garden if it has a safe roof?