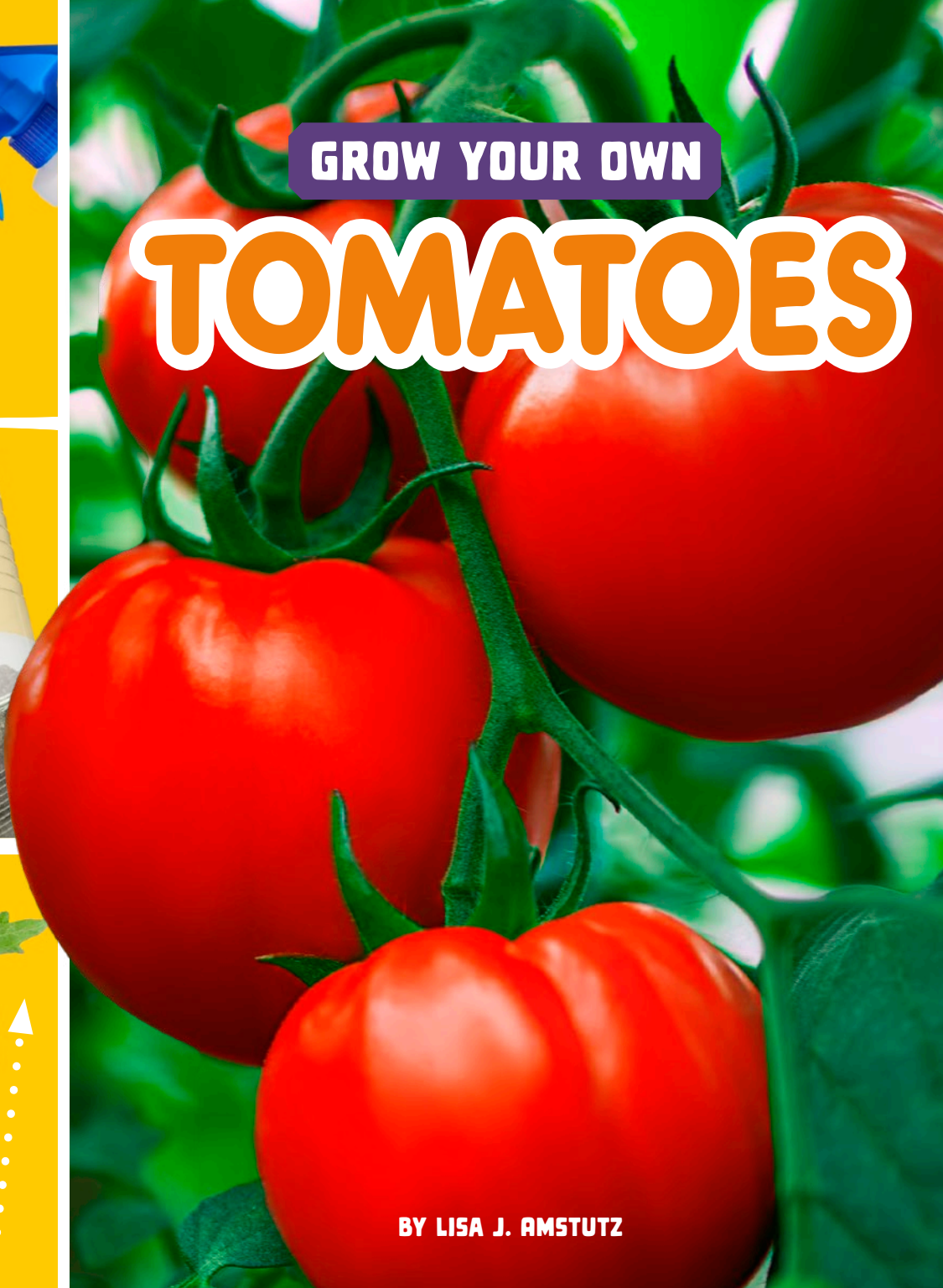


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GROW YOUR OWN

TOMATOES



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GROW YOUR OWN!

Tomatoes come in many colors and sizes. Some are as big as a softball. Others are the size of your thumb. But they all taste good!

You can grow tomatoes at home. It is best to start them indoors. Then move them to a garden. No space? Grow them in a pot on your patio.



WHAT YOU NEED

- tomato seeds
- two clear plastic cups
- **trowel**
- tape
- potting soil
- clean spray bottle
- water
- a sunny garden spot
- **stake**
- string





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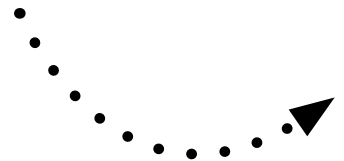
WHAT YOU DO

STEP 1

Tomato plants grow best in warm soil.

Check the **frost date** for your area.

You can find this online. Now count back four to six weeks. This is a good time to plant seeds.



Plant seeds

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Last frost date

TAKE IT FURTHER

Fresh tomatoes are great in salads.

You can also try making this fresh salsa.

Ask an adult to help.

- 4 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
- 1 tablespoon onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons lime juice

Stir ingredients together in a bowl.

Add salt to taste. Serve with chips. Yum!





BEHIND THE SCIENCE

Do you make your own lunch?

Plants do! But they don't eat food like we do. They make their own.

Plants take in light, water, air, and **nutrients**. They use these to make sugars. This food makes the plant grow.