

# A Visit to the Farmer's Market

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Tara and Todd were at the farmer's market with their mom. The children liked looking at the fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade breads, and jars of jam.

Tara noticed Mr. Walsh at a table with big bags of potatoes.

"Hi, Mr. Walsh," she called. "You have a lot of potatoes!"

"Yes" replied the farmer. "I have been growing potatoes for years. My farm is perfect for that."

"What do you do with all those potatoes?" Todd asked.

"I sell them!" Mr. Walsh replied. "I sell some to grocery stores. I sell others to

factories that make potato chips. The stores and factories pay me for my potatoes. They order more from me each year."

"Wow," said Tara. "What do you do with the money they pay you?"

"I use it to buy supplies for my farm," he answered. "I also use it to pay the people who work for me."

"But do you grow anything besides potatoes?" asked Tara.

Just then, Tara's mom walked over. "Mr. Walsh," she asked, "may I please have two bags of potatoes? And do you have any of your great carrots this week?"

"Yes, indeed," Mr. Walsh replied. "See, Tara, I grow carrots, too!"

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1. Whom does Tara notice at a table with big bags of potatoes?

- A. Mr. Walsh
- B. her mom
- C. Todd

2. Where does this story take place?

- A. at a farmer's market
- B. at Mr. Walsh's farm
- C. at a grocery store

3. Read these paragraphs from the article.

"Hi, Mr. Walsh,' she called. 'You have a lot of potatoes!'"

"Yes,' replied the farmer. 'I have been growing potatoes for years. My farm is perfect for that.'"

What can you conclude from these paragraphs about Mr. Walsh?

- A. Mr. Walsh is a farmer.
- B. Mr. Walsh grows carrots as well as potatoes.
- C. Mr. Walsh sells some of his potatoes to grocery stores.

4. Based on the story, what is the best definition of a farmer's market?

- A. A farmer's market is a place where farmers grow fresh fruits and vegetables.
- B. A farmer's market is a place where farmers go to buy the supplies they need for their farms.
- C. A farmer's market is a place where farmers sell food they have grown themselves.

5. What is the main idea of this story?

- A. Mr. Walsh uses the money he makes from selling his potatoes to buy supplies for his farm and to pay the people who work for him.
- B. Tara and Todd learn about potatoes and farming when they visit a farmer's market.
- C. Tara's mom walks over to Mr. Walsh's table and asks him for two bags of potatoes.

6. Read these paragraphs from the story.

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"Yes, indeed,' Mr. Walsh replied. 'See, Tara, I grow carrots, too!'"

Why might Mr. Walsh have used the word "too" at the end of the last sentence?

- A. because Tara's mom asked for two bags of potatoes
- B. because he grows carrots as well as potatoes
- C. because Tara also grows carrots

7. Read these sentences from the text.

"I sell some to grocery stores. I sell others to factories that make potato chips."

How can these sentences best be combined?

- A. I sell some to grocery stores after I sell others to factories that make potato chips.
- B. I sell some to grocery stores, and I sell others to factories that make potato chips.
- C. I sell some to grocery stores, so I sell others to factories that make potato chips.

8. What do Tara and Todd like looking at when they are at the farmer's market?

9. What is Mr. Walsh's farm perfect for?

10. Is it likely that Mr. Walsh grows anything besides potatoes and carrots? Support your answer with evidence from the story.