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Hi! I'm Jobita, a girl who likes to talk in rhyme, but I'm also quite curious and sharp-eyed.

One day I went to my mother's garden, and there I learned a lot

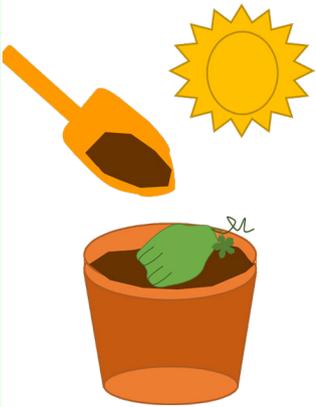
Among colorful flowers, nutritious vegetables, and delicious fruits, I grew. And one day, I discovered chayote with its scientific name *Sechium edule*

Green and chubby, this cucurbitaceous once amazed my wit. When I tried to pet it, I screamed so loudly because small thorns covered its fleshy body, and inside it, I found a large and mischievous seed.



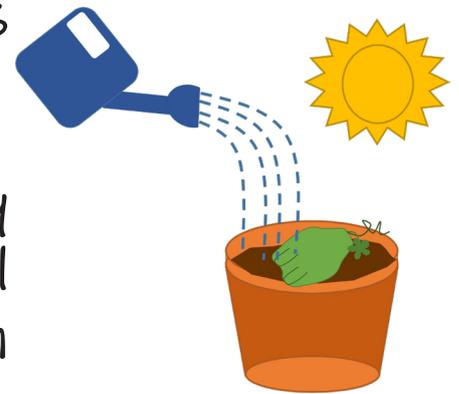
In December and January, it likes to be sown, in a pot, or directly on the ground. It enjoys being laid down and with his

hair pointing to the skies, but don't ignore to keep him covered by a light blanket of soil.



The chayote likes the heat of the sun, so put it where it will receive its glow, very happy its curls will grow and very naughty they will curl.

Very thirsty the chayote is, so water it from time to time, its soil wet you must always keep



Its rambunctious curl, a friend by his side needs, and a guide stick will keep him company; it will climb up on it, and happy it will always be.

Many of its small fruits will grow and swing on your guide.



Mother's garden will leave you many lessons to know, sow your food, and this will help you to healthier growth.

The chayote is a rich vegetable, and it is magnificent to see it grow; its children rock entangled in the mischievous guide until harvest time comes.



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