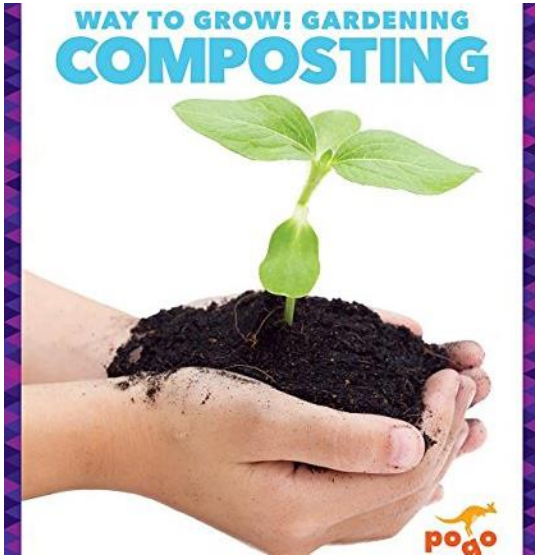


## Discussion Guide for Families



### **Way to Grow! Gardening: Composting**

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**Themes:** Environment and Sustainability

**Book Brief:** In *Composting*, early fluent readers learn how organic matter breaks down to create a nutritious soil additive. Vibrant, full-color photos and carefully leveled text will engage young readers as they learn about how compost can be used to help their garden thrive.

## READ ALOUD

### **Before Reading: Build Background**

- Ask your child “Have you ever heard of composting? What do you think it means, and why might it be good for the environment?”

### **While Reading: Make Connections**

- What types of things can be composted in the book?
- How does composting help plants grow better?
- What are some of the steps involved in composting, according to the book?

### **After Reading: Ask Questions**

- After learning about composting, how do you think it could help your garden or the planet? Would you like to try composting at home? Why or why not?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### **If your child enjoyed this book, consider:**

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF’s [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.