



# April

"The earth has music for those who listen."  
Shakespeare

## Learning About Tomato Growth! For a tomato plant to thrive, it needs:

**Light:** Tomatoes require at least 6-8 hours of direct sunlight per day.

**Soil:** They prefer well-drained, nutrient-rich soil with a pH close to 6.0-6.8.

**Water:** Tomatoes need deep, less frequent watering to encourage deep root growth.

**Fertilization:** Tomatoes require nutrient-rich soil for growth and fruit production.

**Temperature:** Tomatoes grow best at temperatures between 20°C and 30°C.



## QUIZ!

### Tomato

#### The Secrets of Tomatoes and the Environment!

1) How long does it take for a tomato to ripen after being planted?

- A) A few days.
- B) A few weeks.
- C) A few months.

2) Why is the tomato important for the environment?

- A) It's the favorite fruit of most insects.
- B) It helps improve soil quality with its leaves and branches.
- C) It provides shade and shelter for small animals and insects.

3) Which part of the tomato can you use to grow a new plant?

- A) The fruit and leaf.
- B) The seed and fruit.
- C) The leaf and seed.

## Learn About the Different Types of Tomatoes!

There are over 10,000 types of tomatoes worldwide! This means you have plenty of options to choose from. Let's look at some main categories of tomatoes you can find:

- **Beefsteak Tomatoes:**

These tomatoes are large and meaty. They're perfect for sandwiches and burgers due to their rich texture. Popular varieties include 'Big Beef,' 'Brandywine,' and 'Beefmaster.'

- **Cherry Tomatoes:**

Small and sweet, these tomatoes are ideal for salads and snacks. Varieties include 'Sun Gold,' 'Supersweet 100,' and 'Cherry Bomb.'

- **Roma (Plum) Tomatoes:**

Perfect for sauces and pastes because they have dense flesh and less juice. Popular varieties include 'Roma' and 'San Marzano.'

- **Grape Tomatoes:**

Similar to cherry tomatoes but with thicker skin and a crunchier texture. They're great for salads and roasting.

- **Heirloom Tomatoes:**

These are traditional varieties passed down through generations, with unique flavors and colors, such as 'Green Zebra,' 'Cherokee Purple,' and 'Brandywine.'

