

## Grow Your Own Spring Onions

*An activity of "A snapshot of Shanghai under lockdown"*

Read about how the writer of "A snapshot of Shanghai under lockdown" (page 10, *What's Up* May 2022) experienced neighbourliness during that challenging time. One neighbour even shared with her how to grow simple vegetables like spring onions and herbs at home. Try your hand at this even without a lockdown!

1. Watch this video by Easy Gardening to learn how to grow onions yourself.

### How to Grow Onion with Water

➤ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_rvhlZF7Aew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_rvhlZF7Aew)

Easy Gardening (2019)

As you watch it, note down what you will need. Please ask an adult to help you if you are using a knife. You may grow more than one onion.

Number of onions	Number of toothpicks	Number of containers

2. Track the growth of one onion in Weeks 2, 4, and 6 by measuring the height of the leaves and sketching what you see in the table below.

Week 2	Week 4	Week 6
Height (cm):	Height (cm):	Height (cm):
[Sketch]	[Sketch]	[Sketch]

3. When the leaves are tall enough, you may snip off two or three leaves whenever you want to add them to your meal. Use a pair of scissors to cut them into little rings and sprinkle them on your food.

*Note: The green shoots are called "green onions", "spring onions", or "leeks".*