

## Round Square Writing Competition

Write your story below (approximately 500 words):

Hi! I'm Fern. I'm a small, leafy smiley creature with fragrant flowers in my hair and vines for my toes. I not very loud, and I get a bit nervous in people-y places. But I am really good at listening. Especially to plants. (it's kind of my thing!)

I go on missions with my best friend Sustainability Suki. She is clever, caring, and always know when to help nature. One day we arrived at a school playground that looked as empty as a desert. The trees had no leaves, the grass was brown and patchy, and there wasn't a single flower in sight!

"It sure is dead in here," said Suki. I agreed. We started our big investigation and that's when I heard something. A tiny whisper was coming from under my feet. I put my leafy ear to the dirt and I listened carefully. It was a old tree root deep in the ground.

"Help! The ground is too dry, too sick and too sad for the plants to grow here!" it said.

I told Suki because she's the best at using



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earth's resources carefully and responsibly. She turned lunchbox scraps into compost, collected seeds from fruit cores, and made watering cans out of empty juice poppers.

"BONNNNA!" The school bell rang and I jumped behind the recycling bin. When I peeped out I saw some curious students. "Can we help you?" one of them asked. "Of course! Everyone can help the earth" Suki said.

We worked together day after day and the garden started to change. Tiny green shoots poked up through the dirt. We planted sunflowers, sweet peas and strawberries. We even planted a little gum tree so the old root would not be lonely. The playground was healthy and happy again. Even small actions and small creatures like me can make a big difference!

One day a girl with long wavy hair sat beside me and said "Hi I am Avalon. Thank you so much for helping our playground! Your job is done now I can take over from here."

The End!



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