

## Planting tools

Nezha used a tool called a trowel to plant her sedum. Here are some other common garden tools used for planting. Read the Planting Tools Glossary, then test your understanding by completing the activity.

### GLOSSARY OF PLANTING TOOLS



#### bulb planter

Tool with a cylindrical blade and either a short or long handle. Used to cut holes in the soil for planting bulbs.



#### kneeling pad

Thin cushion placed under knees to protect them. Used when kneeling to plant or to remove weeds.



#### dibber

Small, hand-held tool with a pointed tip. Used to make holes for planting very small plants and large seeds.



#### labels

Strips of wood, plastic, metal or another material. Used to write plant names and planting dates.



#### fork

Long-handled tool with 3 to 4 strong metal prongs. Used to loosen or **fork** [VERB] soil before planting medium to large plants.



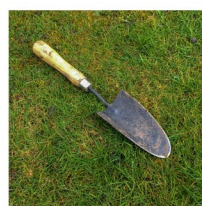
#### spade

Long-handled tool with a large, sharp-edged blade. Used to dig holes to plant medium and large plants.



#### gardening gloves

Covering for hands, made of fabric, plastic or rubber. Used to protect hands from dirt and hazardous objects.



#### trowel

Small, hand-held tool with a pointed, scooped blade. Used to dig holes to plant small plants.



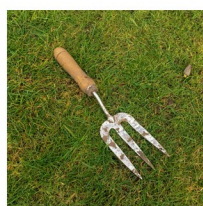
#### garden rake

Long-handled tool with many strong metal teeth. Used to level soil and to create a fine, crumbly soil surface



#### watering can

Portable water container with a long spout, usually with a rose attached. Used to water plants.



#### hand fork

Small, hand-held tool with 3 to 4 small prongs. Used to **fork** [VERB] small areas of soil ready to plant small plants.



#### rose

Perforated cap attached to the spout of a watering can so that the water sprinkles out evenly