



## Creating Stories and Sounds for the Life of a Bean Plant

**Summary:** Have you ever imagined what your life might be like if you were a plant? Today, you are going to watch a time-lapse video of a bean seed growing, write the story of the bean seed's journey as though you were the bean seed, and then choose your own soundtrack to accompany the video. Finally, you will find a friend or family member and play the bean seed video with your soundtrack while you perform the voiceover.

### Before you get started:

- Collect all the materials listed below
- Find a quiet place to sit
- Let your imagination flourish!

### Materials:

- A computer or tablet to watch the video
- A piece of paper or a notebook
- A pen or pencil

**WATCH:** As you watch the video, imagine you are the bean seed and tell your story aloud. Have fun using your imagination and don't worry if the pace of the video exceeds the pace of your storytelling! Make sure to enable the volume so you can listen to the music.

<https://tinyurl.com/ESYbean>.

**WRITE:** Now it's time to tell the bean seed's story! Write a story from the perspective of the bean seed. Your story, which you'll tell using first-person narration, should be five-to-ten sentences long and start with the following introductory sentence:

*It was the first day of spring and I was just waking up from a long nap...*

**FIND:** Choose any piece of music you like as a backdrop for the bean seed's growth. Try to find a song that is about three minutes in length - just like the video.

Mute the volume in the time-lapse video and play it again with the song you have selected instead. If you don't like it, choose another song and try it again until you are happy with it.

**PERFORM:** Gather your audience, play the video with the music muted, play the song you chose, and read the story you wrote as a voiceover. **Bravo!**

**References:**

Bean Time-Lapse - 25 Days. *GPhase*. Youtube. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w77zPAtVTuI>.

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