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Text:	<p>The weather has been quite stable for a few weeks with sunshine most days. Temperatures have averaged about 22 degrees Celsius during the day and the garden is looking healthy.</p> <p>The tulips are almost in full bloom and the maple leaves are growing rapidly to provide shade over the lawn.</p> <p>The vegetable patch at the end of the garden has been planted with carrots, spring onions, radishes and tomatoes. The cress appeared and grew to 10cm only a week after planting!</p> <p>"Have you planted any herbs?", I was asked, to which I replied that I had forgotten to get basil and thyme.</p> <p>But what is a herb, and how is it different to a spice? Wikipedia says it is 'the leafy green or flowering parts of a plant' whereas spice is ground up dried parts of a plant, such as seeds, berries or fruits.</p>
Discussion:	Do you grow any plants?
Words and usage:	<p>Whereas</p> <p>This conjunction, which requires a comma before it, contrasts the following clause to the one before. Other words of similar meaning include 'however' and 'but'.</p>
Resources:	<p>https://translate.weblio.jp</p> <p>Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</p> <p>The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</p>
Practice idea:	Make a year plan (Jan-Dec) for your ideal garden, assuming the size of the plot is 5 metres wide by 10 metres long. Think about what you would plant and when, plus the expected harvest time. Describe your plan in bullet point form.
Listening link:	<p>EFL Daily - Spring in the Garden</p> 
Quiz Me! Conversation card:	<p>Card number .. below is from pack .., available at englishbooks.jp, Amazon and Rakuten</p>

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**What vegetables
would you grow
in a garden?**

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