

Food from the 'Hood: A Garden of Hope  
OCR 4<sup>th</sup> grade Unit 2 Lesson 4  
Readers Theatre

Ma Kettle: It's exhausting working in our vegetable garden.

Pa Kettle: Yes, but it's wonderful to connect with nature and grow our own food.

Ma Kettle: Plus, it's way healthier to grow organically, without chemicals.

Pa Kettle: We have a huge crop. What are we going to do with the surplus?

Ma Kettle: Let's brainstorm some ideas. In the meantime, we can house them in the basement.

Pa Kettle: Our basement is absolutely marvelous since we restored it!

Ma Kettle: Why don't we sell some of the vegetables at the farmer's market in the neighboring community?

Pa Kettle: Excellent idea. The people in the suburbs love organic produce.

Ma Kettle: With the profit we make, we can buy some chickens.

Pa Kettle: Yum! Farm-fresh eggs every morning.

Ma Kettle: We could even make omelets with our own vegetables and eggs.

Pa Kettle: And we can sell the nuggets they lay!

Ma Kettle: Chickens don't lay nuggets.

Pa Kettle: Then where do they come from?

Ma Kettle: From ground chicken meat.

Pa Kettle: You mean you have to kill the chickens to get the meat?

Ma Kettle: Duh! Of course, how else would you get the meat?

Pa Kettle: I think I'll stick to vegetables and hamburgers.

Ma Kettle: But hamburgers come from...

Pa Kettle: Don't tell me! I don't want to know!