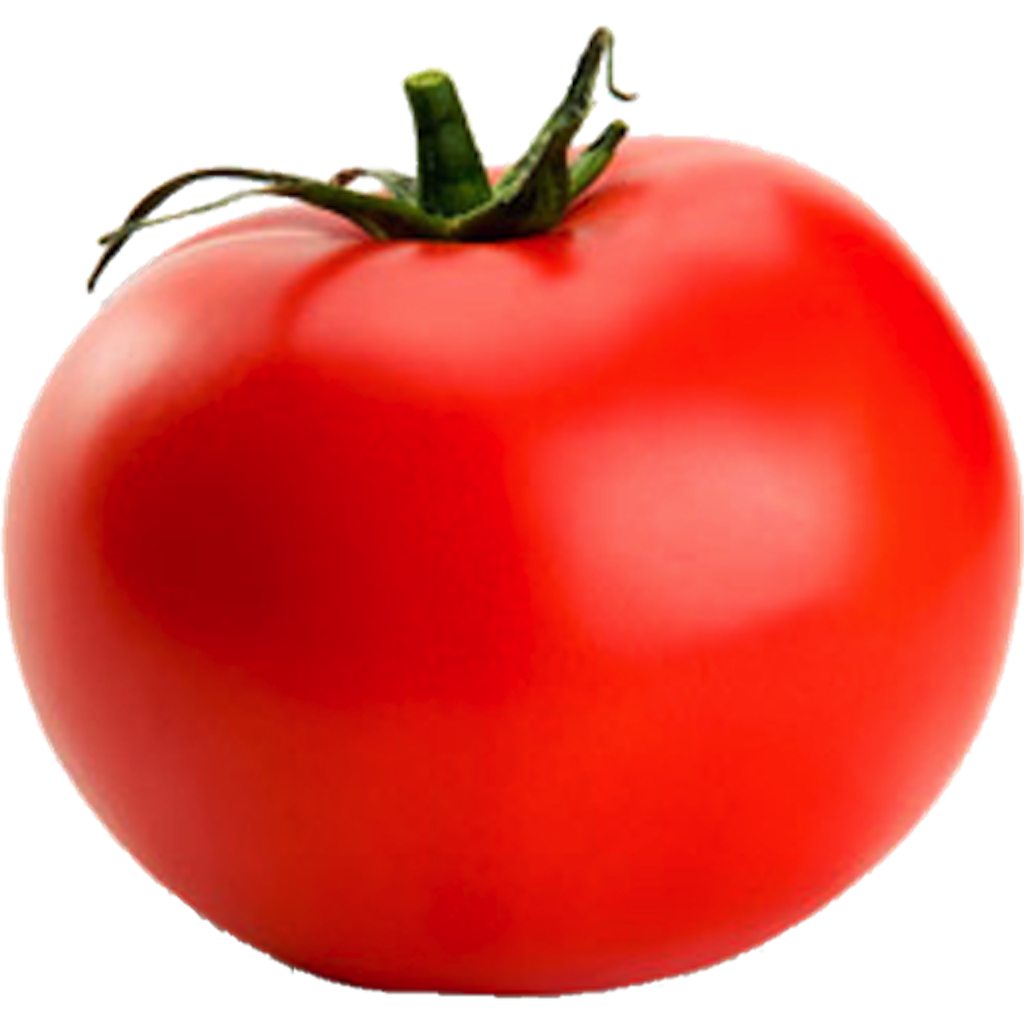
The Travelling Tomato

## Environmental Education Activity

Resource Sheet

# Cut outs





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| Part 1 Role Cards | |
| #1 Mexican Farmer (Carlos) “Hi I am Carlos, the Farmer. Look at all these green tomatoes I have to pick today. They’re not ripe yet, but I have to pick them like this so that they won’t over ripen and rot on the long journey to the grocery store. But first I need to spray them with pesticides to keep the bugs away”. | #2 Boss (Juan) “Hi, I am Juan, Carlos’ boss. Thank you for the tomatoes, Carlos. Keep working hard, we have lots of deliveries to make. These tomatoes have to be in Canada by next week”. |
| #3 Truck Driver (Mark) “Hi I am Mark and I truck the tomatoes from Mexico. It’s a long drive to Canada. These tomatoes have thousands of kilometres to travel.” | #4 Warehouse Owner (Sally) “Hi I am Sally! These tomatoes are still green! Before I can deliver them to the grocery store I need to use ethylene gas to speed-up the ripening process. Ethylene occurs naturally in plants when they are ripening and is responsible for changing tomatoes from green to pink to red.” |
| #5 Grocery Store Owner (Judal) “Hi I am Judal. Wow, these tomatoes have traveled more than I have! It seems strange to buy a product from far away that we could have grown in our own community.” | #6 Consumer (Kim) “Hi I am Kim. Here I am in the grocery store. I need to find some tomatoes to make spaghetti  sauce. Here’s one...it’s kind of hard, and from far away...but it’s the only tomato available.” |

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| Part 2 Role Cards | |
| #1 Local Organic Farmer (Sylvia) “Hi I am Sylvia and I live on a farm just outside your community. I’ve been taking care of this tomato since I planted it in the spring. Now it’s red and ripe to pick. Tomorrow I’ll take it to the  local farmers market and sell it to someone from the community.” | #2 Consumer (Michael) “Hi I am Michael. I love coming to the farmer’s market...look at all this beautiful food! I also get to see friends, and meet the people that grow, harvest, fish and hunt for the food I eat. Hi Sylvia, your tomatoes look great, I think I’ll buy some for making spaghetti sauce.” |