Context clues · The rooftop garden

Classes 4–6 · Read the story. Use the words around each **bold** word to work out what it means. Do not use a dictionary until the end!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Aarav's building had a bare, dusty roof. In April he decided to turn it into a garden. His sister Meera was **sceptical**. "Nothing grows up here," she said, shaking her head. "It is far too hot."

Aarav did not give up. He collected old buckets and paint tins, and **salvaged** a broken crate that a shopkeeper was about to throw away. He filled them with soil and planted tulsi, chillies and marigolds.

The first week was **discouraging**. The seedlings drooped in the afternoon sun and two of them died. So Aarav made a shade from an old bedsheet and watered the pots early each morning, before the heat became **intense**.

By June the roof was **transformed**. Orange marigolds glowed beside the green tulsi, and bees buzzed between the flowers. Meera came up with a glass of nimbu paani. "I was wrong," she admitted. "This is **remarkable**."

Word	What I think it means	The clue that helped me
sceptical		
salvaged		
discouraging		
intense		
transformed		
remarkable		

Think further: Why did Aarav water the plants early in the morning?

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Write a sentence with **remarkable**: _____