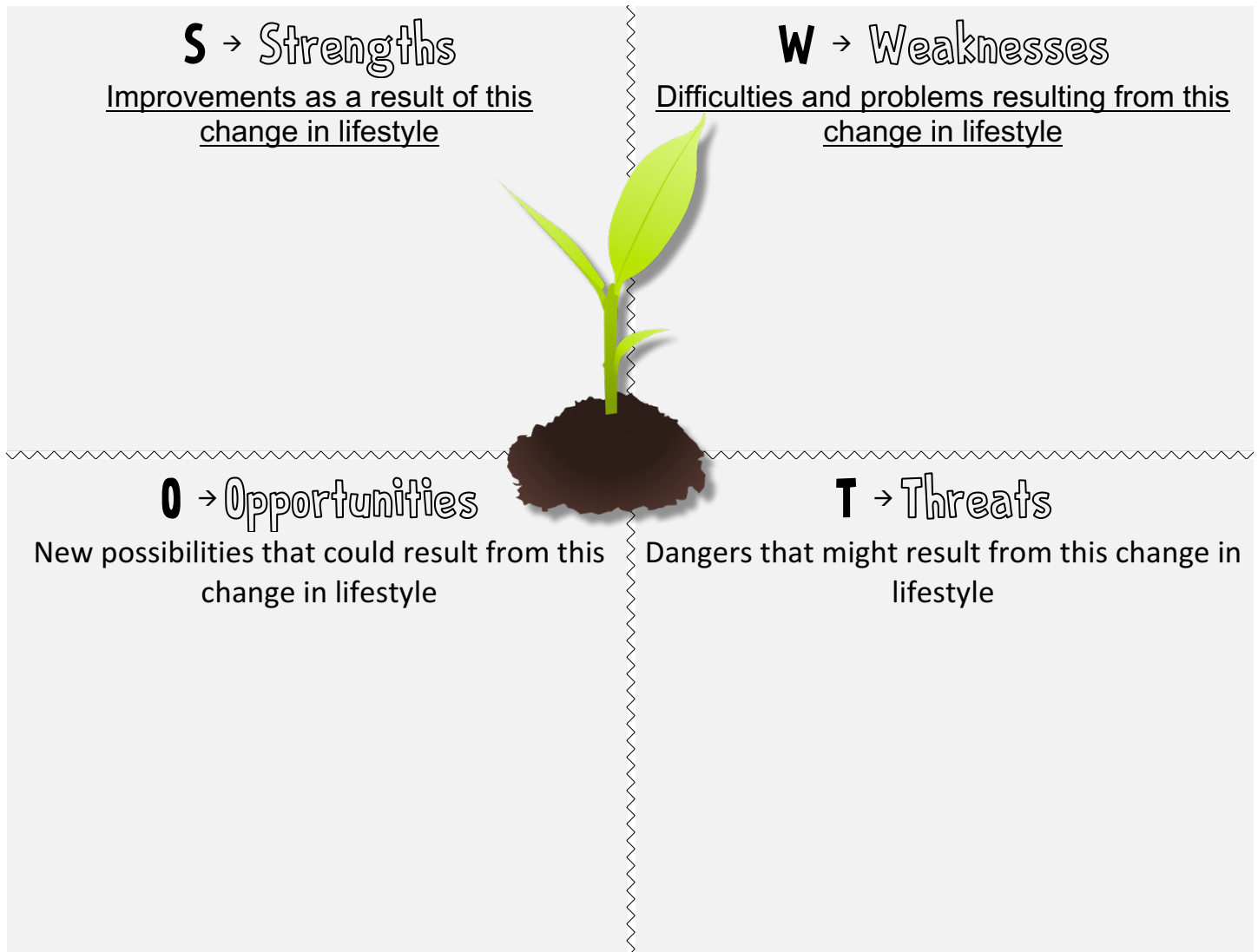


SWOT: The Beginning of Farming

Farming began between 12,000 and 10,000 years ago. We take it for granted now, but this way of life forms only a tiny proportion of human life on earth. How has it enriched our lives? Which problems has it brought?

Fill in the matrix with the ideas provided below it, then add ideas from pp. 42-43 of your text.



1 Write each of the following options in one of the four squares above. Sometimes more than one square is possible.

- more reliable food sources
- attacks from neighbouring peoples hoping to steal grain or property
- fewer fractures and life-threatening injuries
- can support a greater population and larger families
- less leisure time
- allowed planning for the future to occur
- deforestation and environmental damage
- reduced variety of food
- more intensive labour
- poorly distributed food → inequality
- drought
- disease caused by closer living conditions
- cultural developments in art, music, architecture and tool-making
- people could settle down and have more possessions

2 Can you add your own ideas to the matrix above? Refer to pp. 42-43 of your text to identify more possibilities.