

Plants (Reading Comprehension)

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Read the following non-fiction section about plants. Then, answers the questions on the next page.

Roots

Roots are the part of the plant that grows under the ground. Roots



Roots grow in the ground.

suck up water and soil nutrients from the ground like a straw. They hold the plant into the soil. We eat the roots of some plants like carrots, turnips, beets, and radishes.

Leaf

The leaf has a very important job for the plant! The leaf makes food for the plant to get energy and to grow. The leaf uses sunlight and air to make food through a process called



photosynthesis.

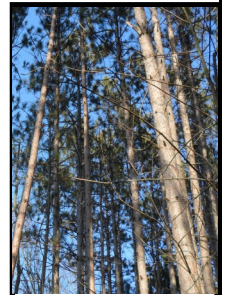
We eat lettuce and cabbages leaves in salads on a summer day.

Stem

Do you know what part of a plant is like a highway? The stem! The stem helps move food down from the leaves. The stem also moves water

and soil nutrients from the roots up the plant. It's a two-way street!

The stem also holds up the leaves to get more sunlight. Sometimes you'll



The trunk of a tree is a big stem.

notice plants bending toward the window to get more light too!

Flower

The flower is the plant part that makes pollen and attracts pollinators to create fruit or seeds. The bright colors and smell can attract animals like flies, bees, and hummingbirds to drink their nectar and visit



This allium flower has a lot of blossoms for bees and other pollinators. It is a very bright color.

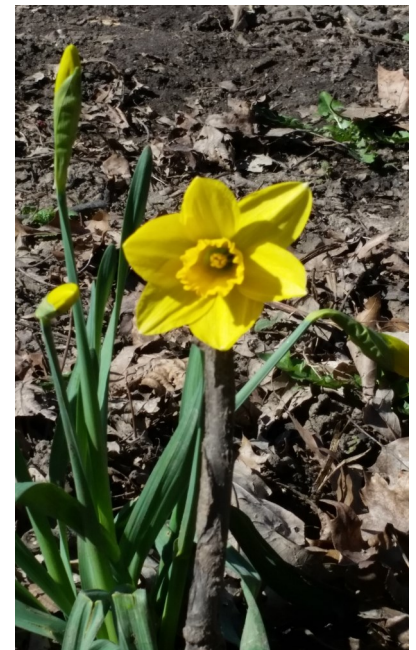
different flowers to trade pollen.

Seed

Seeds are the plant part that can make new plants. If a seed is wet and warm in the soil it will germinate, or start to sprout. A tiny root and stem begins to grow from the seed into a new plant.



These seeds can grow into new plants. The plants will look like their parent plants. If they drop on warm and wet grow they will germinate.



Answer the following questions.

1. Circle the captions.

2. Underline the headings.

3. Why do roots grow underground?

4. Why do leaves grow above ground?

5. What 2 things do a leaf need to make food for the plant?

6. What are 2 things plants use food for?

7. What part of a plant can grow into a new one?
