



# PLANTS

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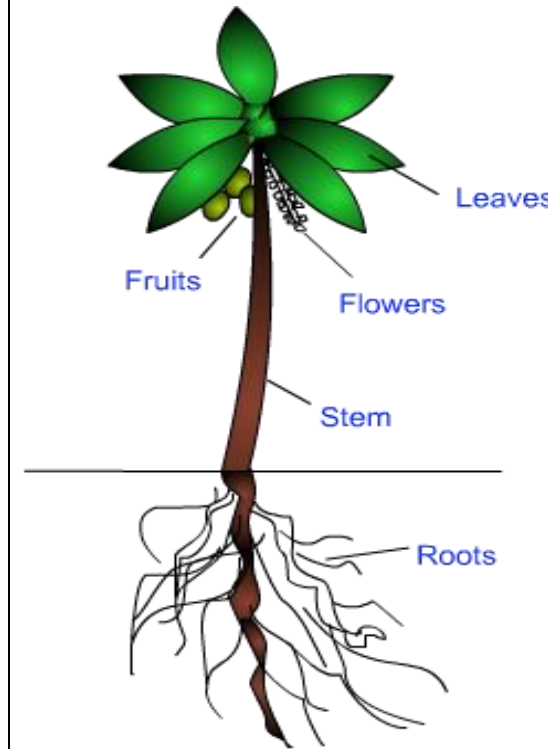


### Overview



- Plants are a large group of living things that use sunlight to make their own food.
- There are many, many different kinds of plants, including trees, vines and grasses.
- Plants have lots of different parts, for example stems, leaves and roots.
- Some trees lose their leaves in the winter (deciduous). Some keep their leaves through the year (evergreen).
- Some plants are 'flowering plants' – they grow flowers sometimes.

### Basic Structure of Plants



- Plants are made up of many different parts.
- Roots – Roots absorb water and minerals from the ground. They also help the plant to stay standing in the ground.
- Stem – The stem supports the plant above the ground. It also helps to carry water and minerals from the roots to the leaves.
- Leaves – Leaves collect energy from the Sun and turn this into food for the plant (photosynthesis).
- Flowers and Fruits – Flowers and fruits help the plant to reproduce (to make more plants).

### Types of Plants



#### Trees

Trees are tall, woody plants. They usually have a stem called a trunk.

- Some trees can live for hundreds or even thousands of years.
- Trees include birches, palms and pines.

#### Moss



Mosses are small, seedless plants that grow in moist places.

- Mosses grow together in large, thick mats.
- There are more than 10,000 different types of moss around the world.



#### Bushes/Shrubs

Bushes and shrubs are quite low plants that have lots of branches.

- Bushes do not normally grow as tall as trees.
- They include lavender, periwinkle and thyme. A shrubbery is a place with lots of shrubs.

#### Vegetables



-Vegetables normally come from a type of plant called a herbaceous plant. Vegetables can be eaten.

- Lettuce, spinach and broccoli are the leaves of plants. Asparagus is the stem of a plant. Some vegetables grow in the ground, e.g. carrots.

### Flowering Plants



Flowering plants produce flowers to help them reproduce. They follow this life cycle:

Seed – Flowering plants begin life as seeds. They need soil, air and water to grow.

Seedling – When the plant first starts to grow, it is called a seedling.

Flowering – When the plant is fully grown, it will produce its own flowers. These flowers will eventually produce seeds. When the seed gets to the ground, the cycle starts again.

#### Deciduous Trees

Oak      Maple      Sycamore      Horse Chestnut      Elm      Beech

#### Evergreen Trees

Yew      Pine      Fir      Hemlock      Blue Spruce      Holly