

How Plants Grow

Genre: Nonfiction **Reading Level:** 200L **Grade:** 1st

Plants need four things to grow. They need water, air, sunlight, and soil.	13
First, you plant a seed in the soil. The soil gives the plant food. You water the seed. Water helps the seed grow.	28
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The seed begins to change. A tiny root grows down into the soil. Then a small stem pushes up through the dirt.	51
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Soon, you see a green shoot. This is the baby plant. It needs sunlight. The sun helps the plant make food.	73
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The plant grows bigger and bigger. It grows leaves. Some plants grow flowers. Some plants grow fruits or vegetables.	91
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Plants give us many things. We eat fruits and vegetables. We use wood from trees. Plants also make the air clean.	112
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Take care of plants. They are important!	126

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the four things plants need to grow?
2. What is the first part of the plant that grows from a seed?
3. Name two things that plants give us.
4. Why does the author say we should take care of plants?