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soil	the earth that plants grow in
stem	the main part of a plant
water	something plants need to grow

Now use the **glossary** above to write about plants.

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What part of a plant is in the soil? ....

What can grow into a new plant? ....

Write two things that plants need to grow ....

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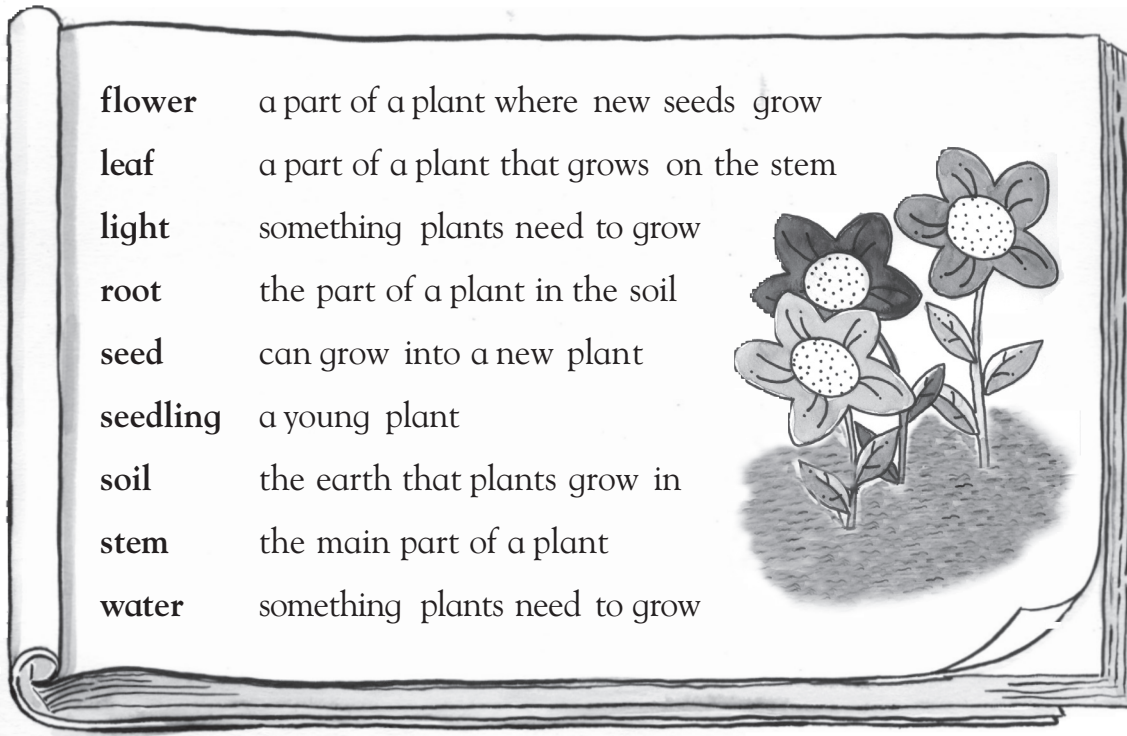class roster ☐   book index ☐   story book ☐

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Discuss the features of nonfiction books with your child. Look at a variety of examples at home or in a library. Point out that a glossary is found at the back of a book and that it defines difficult words. Explain that the words are in alphabetical order.