





Aim

- I can explain the life cycle of plants.
- I can suggest a way we can tell that plants are living things.

Success Criteria

- I can describe stages in the life cycle of a plant.
- I can order the life cycle of a plant.
- I can explain that plants are living things.
- I can explain something plants do that shows us that plants are living things.

Plants Are Living Things

Plants and trees are alive like humans and other animals.

How can we tell that plants are living things?



How can we tell that plants are living things?

All living things do certain things to stay alive. These are called life processes.

Animals, including humans, do these things. Plants do too, although they do them in different ways.



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Plants can **move** and **grow**, and they **sense** changes in their environment.

How is this similar to what humans and other animals do?



Roots grow in all directions to find soil and water.



A sunflower moves to turn its face towards the sun.

The mimosa plant curls up when you touch it! Click the button below to see the mimosa plant in action.





Plants need to take in **nutrition** and **air** to survive. They also need to get rid of **waste**.

How do animals, including humans, get what they need to stay alive? How do they get rid of waste?



Plants absorb water and nutrients through their roots.



Through their leaves, they take in light from the sun and carbon dioxide from the air.



Left over gases and water leave the plant from the leaves.

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Plants can **reproduce** to make new plants.



Some plants make seeds that grow into new plants.



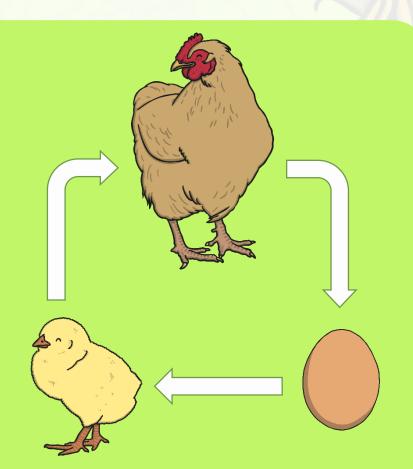
Some plants make baby plants.

How do humans and other animals reproduce?

Life Cycles

Humans, other animals, plants and all living things have a life cycle.

This is the life cycle of a hen.

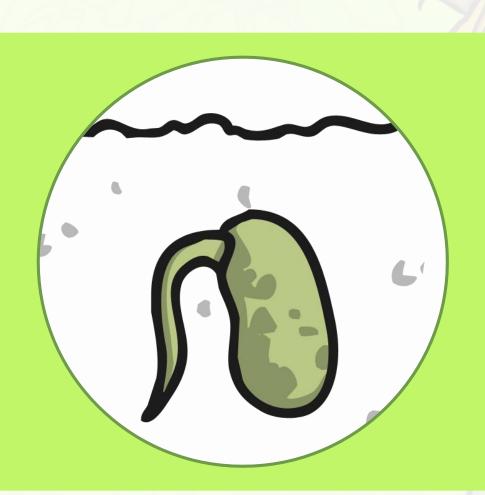


The bean plant life cycle begins with a bean that has fallen or been picked from a bean plant.

The bean is a seed of the bean plant.

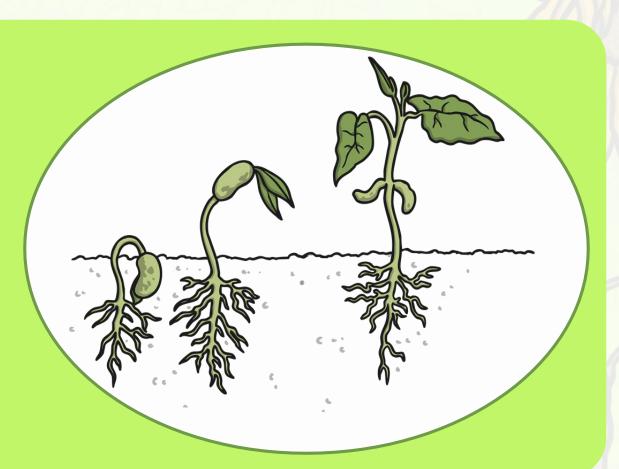


A planted bean seed germinates and, after 2-3 days, a shoot appears.



The bean seed will start to take root and a stem will appear.

The bean uses the food in the seed to grow taller.



If the bean plant has water and sunlight, it will grow tall and then it will flower.

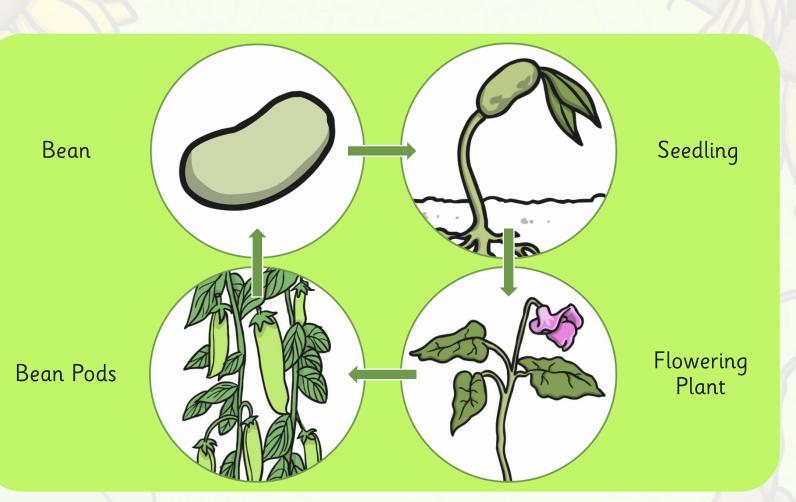


Eventually pods of beans will grow on the bean plant. Each one of these is a seed.



Each seed can fall into the soil and become a new seedling, ready to grow into a whole new bean plant.





Sunflower Life Cycle



Can you order the life cycle of a sunflower?

