

## What is a plant?

A plant is a living thing that usually grows from the ground.

The main parts of a plants are:  
*Flowers* *Leaves* *Stem* *Roots*

**Flowers** look pretty and come in lots of different colours. They can also smell lovely. This helps to attract animals and insects that help the plant to make **seeds** for new plants.



The **stem** helps support the plant and keeps it upright. Water and food are taken up from the roots and transported through the stem.

The **leaf** is very important. It absorbs the sunlight which it uses to make food for the plant.

The **roots** of a plant anchors the plant in the ground and without roots a plant would fall over. Roots are also take in nutrients and water from the soil.



Dandelion seeds. Some people like to blow the seeds to make a wish

On some plants fruit or vegetables begin to grow.



## Key Vocab

<b>Flower</b>	Part of a plant that attracts insects and birds
<b>Leaf</b>	Part of a plant which absorbs sunlight which is used by the plant to make food
<b>Root</b>	Part of a plant which takes in water and nutrients from the soil
<b>Stem</b>	Part of a plant which helps support it and keep it upright
<b>Seed</b>	The part of a flowering plant that can grow into a new plant
<b>Absorb</b>	To take in or swallow up
<b>Deciduous</b>	A tree that sheds its leaves during autumn
<b>Evergreen</b>	A tree that keeps its leaves all year around

## Trees

In autumn, the leaves on **deciduous** trees usually change colour and fall off. If they have fruit, it will be ready to eat.



In winter, deciduous trees usually have no leaves on their branches.



An **evergreen** tree keeps its green leaves all year round, even in the winter.



## Some common garden plants

People may grow plants in their gardens and care for them. They may grow flowering plants which are beautiful to look at or beans and seeds to grow plants for food. When plants are grown for food, this may be called a herb garden or vegetable patch.



## Some common wild plants

A wild plant is one that grows by itself. A wild plant seed grows where it falls. It doesn't need to be planted. It doesn't need to be cared for as it grows. If a wild plant grows where it is not wanted, it might be called a weed.

