

# Plants

Read about plants and then answer the questions below.

Hundreds of thousands of different species, or kinds, of plant grow on Earth. Some plants are so tiny that people can hardly see them. Others are trees that grow as tall as skyscrapers.

Most plants have several things in common. They need sunshine, water, and air to grow. They are not able to move around. Their cells have stiff walls made of a tough material called cellulose. All green plants use the Sun's energy, water, and a gas called carbon dioxide to make their own food. This process is called photosynthesis.

Plants grow nearly everywhere on Earth. Most plants grow in soil. They get the water and nutrients they need from the soil. But some plants do not need soil. Other plants float in water. A few species of plant live on and get their nutrients from other plants.

Plants are vital to life on Earth. They provide food for people and animals. They also make the oxygen that other living things breathe. Plants produce the oxygen as part of the process of photosynthesis.

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1. What are the three things plants need to grow? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why are plants not able to move around? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How do plants make their own food?

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4. Describe how plants are useful and needed by people.

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