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READING

Comprehension Skill:

Analyze Text Structure and Organization

As you read, look for signal words that help you determine text structures, such as descriptions and cause-andeffect relationships.

Phonics/Word Study:

Long a digraph

As you read, look for words with long a digraphs, like painter. This sound in a syllable rhymes with the word day.

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- Introduction
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- Information about the author
- Vocabulary words in boldfaced type

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SCIENCE The Big Idea:

As you read this book, you will learn about the life cycle of plants. You will learn how seeds grow into plants. You will learn that some plants do not have seeds. You will explore how plants reproduce. You will learn how plants survive. You will learn how we can help or hurt plants.

Look for these special information features.

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carbon dioxide cotyledon embryo

photosynthesis pistil

pollen

pollination

reproduce sprout stamen stem

fertilize nectar

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The Life Cycle of Plants

by Howard Warren

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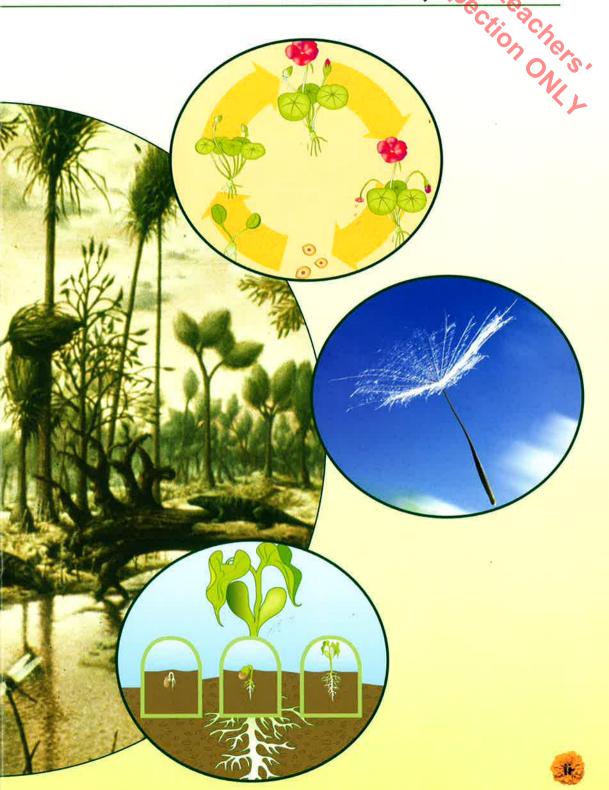
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Pictures To Think About to Cherchers



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Words To Think About

part of seed

?

baby plant

cotyledon

What do you think the word cotyledon means?

Plants with one cotyledon

grass

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sprout

What do you think the word sprout means in this book?

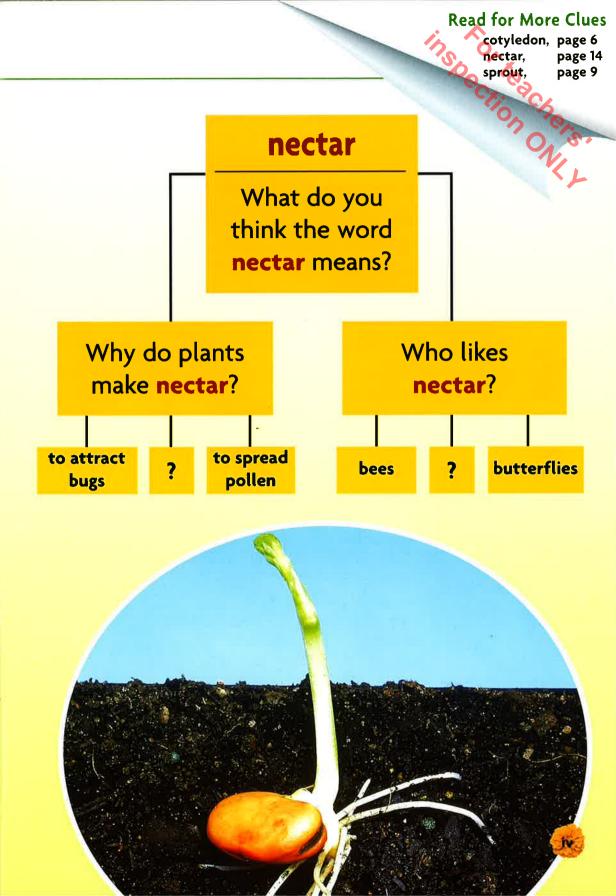
Meaning 1
a young person
(noun)

Meaning 2 he new growt

the new growth of a seed (noun)

Meaning 3

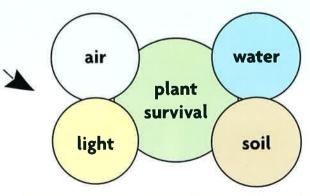
to begin to grow (verb)



Introduction

he life cycle of a plant starts with a seed. The cycle ends when the plant makes new seeds. Then more plants grow and others die. The cycle goes on.

Plants are living things. Plants need air, water, light, and a place to grow. Without those things, plants die.



▲ Plants need air, water, light, and good soil to survive.