Glossary

bud

A small growth on a plant that develops into a leaf, flower or new shoot.

bulb

A round, underground food store from which a plant can grow.

exotic

Coming from far away and often very unusual.

flower

The part of a plant that develops from a bud. It is often brightly coloured, produces a pleasant scent to attract insects and creates seeds.

foliage

The leaves of a plant or tree.

fruit

The part of a plant that can develop from a flower. It contains seeds from which new plants can grow.

garden

A piece of land, usually belonging to a building, used for growing fruit, flowers, herbs or vegetables, and for enjoyment.

germinate

When a plant begins to grow out of a seed.

herb

A plant with leaves, flowers or seeds that can be used for cooking or making medicine and perfumes.

leaf

The part of a plant that grows out of the stem and uses sunlight to make food.

petal

The part of a plant that is often colourful and makes up most of the flower with other petals.

poisonous

Can cause illness or death to living things if touched or eaten.

rainforest

A tall, dense forest in a tropical area that has lots of rain.

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root

The part of a plant that grows out of the seed and deep into the ground to find water and minerals.

scent

A particular smell, especially if it is pleasant.

seed

A small, hard grain from which a new plant can grow.

shoot

The part of a plant that grows upwards out of a seed, before it develops into the stem and leaves.

stem

The part of a plant that grows upwards, towards the light. It supports the plant.

weed

An unwanted wild plant that often grows alongside more desirable plants, stealing their light and nutrients.