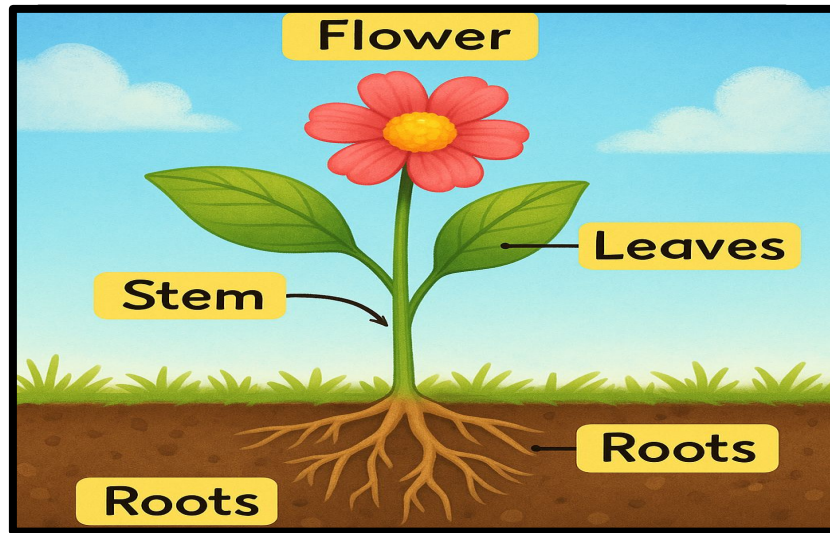


Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Text Features

Read the short story and answer each question.



Parts of a Plant

Roots

The roots hold the plant in the ground. They also soak up water and nutrients from the soil.

Stem

The stem holds up the plant. It moves water from the roots to the leaves.

Leaves

Leaves make food for the plant. They take in sunlight and air.

Flower

Some plants have flowers. Flowers help the plant make seeds.

Name: _____

Parts of a Plant

1. What part of the plant moves water from the roots to the leaves?

- A. Roots
- B. Stem
- C. Leaves
- D. Flower

2. What text feature helps you know what each section is about?

- A. A picture
- B. The headings in bold
- C. The title of the book
- D. The page number

3. Fill in the blank:

The heading "Leaves" tells us the part of the plant that makes _____.

4. How do the headings help you find facts about each plant part?

5. Why is it helpful to have the information organized into short sections?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: F

Lexile Level: 85L-225L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Informational Text (Life Science)

Introducing the Text

"Today we are going to read a nonfiction passage about the parts of a plant. As we read, we'll look closely at the **headings** in bold. These text features help us find information more quickly and understand what each section is about."

Vocabulary: roots, stem, leaves, flower, heading

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a plant grow?
 2. What do you already know about plant parts?
 3. What do you think a heading does in a nonfiction text?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What does the heading "Roots" help you learn about?
 2. How are the sections organized?
 3. Which heading helped you find information the fastest?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. Why did the author use headings in this passage?
 2. How do text features help you understand nonfiction?
 3. What would be harder if there were no headings?
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Activity Idea

Give students a cut-and-paste "plant parts" organizer. Each section includes a heading, a sentence, and a matching picture. Students must match each heading to the correct description and visual, then explain how headings helped them find key facts.

