

# Plants

## KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



### ESSENTIAL PLANTS VOCABULARY

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| <b>stigma</b>         | The part of the pistil where pollen germinates.                                   |
| <b>style</b>          | A long, thin stalk that connects the stigma and the ovary.                        |
| <b>ovary</b>          | The base part of the pistil.  |
| <b>sepal</b>          | Parts of the flower that give protection.   |
| <b>stamen</b>         | The male reproductive part of a flower.   |
| <b>germinate</b>      | When a seed begins to grow.   |
| <b>roots</b>          | The parts of a plant that anchor it to the ground and absorb water and nutrients. |
| <b>photosynthesis</b> | The process where sunlight, carbon dioxide and water are used to make nutrients.  |
| <b>pollen</b>         | A powdery substance produced by a flowering plant.                                |
| <b>pollinate</b>      | When pollen is moved from the male anther to the female stigma.                   |
| <b>flowers</b>        | Flowers make seeds and their petals attract pollinators.                          |
| <b>evaporation</b>    | The process of turning from liquid to vapour.                                     |
| <b>leaves</b>         | Leaves make good for plants using sunlight and carbon dioxide.                    |
| <b>cycle</b>          | A series of events that are repeated in the same order.                           |
| <b>nutrients</b>      | Substances needed to help living things grow and survive.                         |

### Parts of Flowers

The **stamen** is the male reproductive part of the flower. It is made up of the anther and the filament.

The **pistil** is the female reproductive part of the flower. It is made up of the stigma, style, ovary and ovule.

### Life Cycle of a Flowering Plant

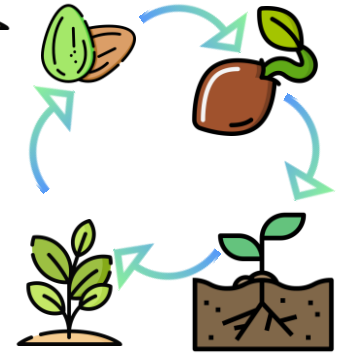
**Germination**- seeds start to grow.

**Growing**- the plant grows and develops a flower

**Pollination**- pollen from the anther is transferred to the stigma and travels down the style

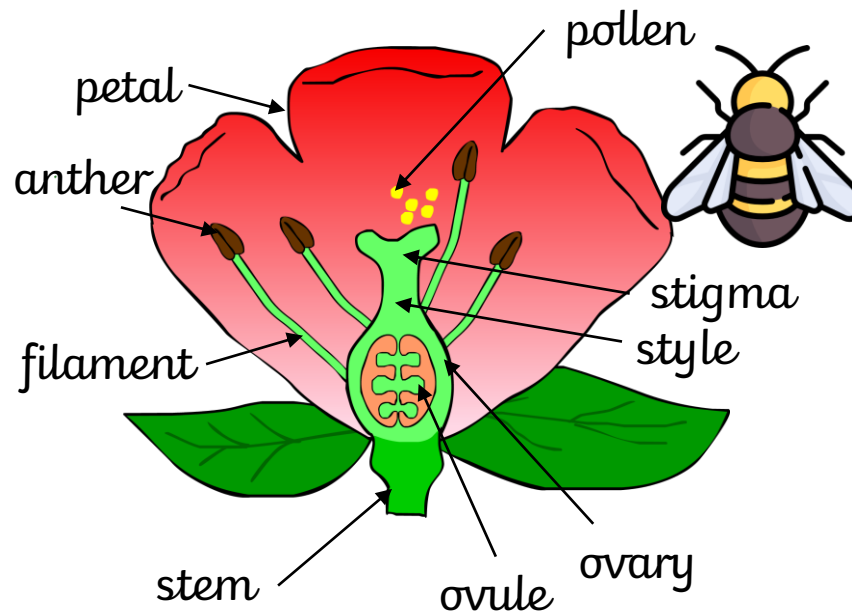
**Fertilisation**- the pollen joins with an ovule in the ovary and seeds start to form

**Seed dispersal**- the fully grown seeds are moved away from the parent



### How does Pollination Happen?

- Insects are attracted to the bright colours and the scent of the petals.
- The insect lands on the flower to connect nectar (a sweet liquid).
- While it harvests the nectar, it rubs against the anther. This transfers pollen onto the insect.
- The insect then moves to another plant.
- When the insect feeds on a new plant, it rubs against the female part of the flower and transfers the pollen.
- Some of this pollen travels down the style.
- Small parts of pollen join with a ovule in the ovary.
- The fertilised ovary then becomes seeds.



### What do Plants Need to Survive?

Different plants have different requirements. Some plants need more water while others thrive on less water. These are the basic requirements for survival:

- **Sunlight**
- **Water**
- **Nutrients from the soil**
- **Fresh air**
- **Space to grow**

The heat from the sun evaporates some of the water from the plant's leaves, which causes it to draw more water from the soil. Plants create food using a process called photosynthesis, where it uses the sun's energy to convert water and carbon dioxide into a substance called glucose.

### MAKING LINKS TO PREVIOUS LEARNING GOLDEN VOCABULARY

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| <b>Water Cycle</b> | <b>Water</b> is in a constant cycle of evaporation, condensation and precipitation.   |
| <b>Mini-beasts</b> | <b>Leaves</b> are the main part of the diet for many mini-beasts.                     |
| <b>Life Cycles</b> | All living things go through a <b>cycle</b> process of living, reproducing and dying. |
| <b>Food Chains</b> | When living things die, they provide <b>nutrients</b> which help plants grow.         |