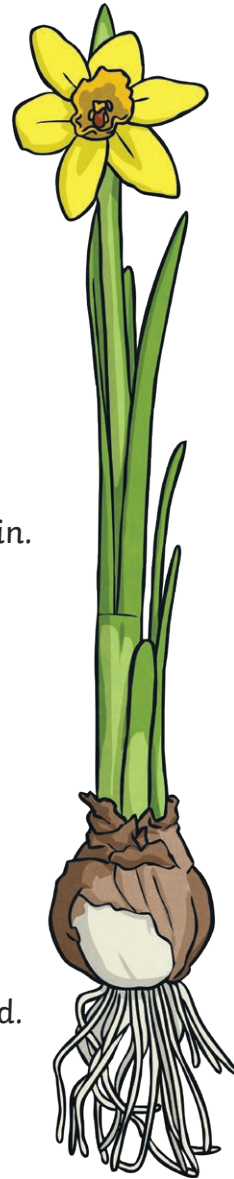


The Life Cycle of a Flower



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Is a simple, unsuspecting seed.
- 23** Giving the plant the ideal condition,
To germinate must be your mission.
- 36** Within no time, you will see a shoot,
Followed by a searching root.
- 50** The root will anchor to the ground,
The sprout reaches and light is found.
- 64** The plant grows taller; grows a stem,
Growing thicker and thicker, again and again.
- 75** Leaves appear as if overnight,
Spreading out to catch the light.
- 88** Once fully grown, a flower is spotted,
With seeds inside and petals dotted.
- 101** Flowers - pink, blue and red,
Now have seeds they need to spread.
- 118** Blown by the wind; carried by a bird,
Caught on fur; this is how they are dispersed.
- 130** No matter how, no matter when,
The cycle will now start again.

Quick Questions



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Answers



1. Which phrase tells the reader that the life cycle is continuous?

Accept: 'No matter (how or when)', 'now start again' or the use of repetition with 'again and again'.



2. List all of the ways that seeds are dispersed?
Blown by the wind, carried by a bird or caught on fur – all three required



3. Summarise the main points of this text in 20 words or fewer.
Accept any reasonable summary which includes the main stages of the flower life cycle and is 20 words or less in length.



4. How does the word 'searching' help you to understand the job of the root?
Accept any description that describes how the root must find water and / or a strong place to hold the flower in place.