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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. Why do older roses only need to be watered during the summer?

Older roses only need to be watered during the summer because their roots are long enough to draw moisture from the ground during the winter.



2. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'pull up'.

draw



3. In 20 words or fewer, sum up the most important things to remember when looking after a rose plant.

Accept any answer which makes reference to the text, such as: It is important to remember to give roses lots of sunlight and not to water them too much.



4. After reading this text, would you like to grow your own roses? Explain your answer.

Accept any sensible answer provided that an explanation is given, such as: I would not like to grow my own roses because I would be worried about them not having enough sunlight and whether or not I was watering them too much.