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Fruits and seeds help

plants reproduce.

Fruits and seeds grow

from the flowers of plants.

A fruit grows from a part

near the base of the flower. Inside the fruit are seeds.

Fruits

Fruits protect seeds until
they start to grow. Peaches
are soft, fleshy fruits. Inside
a peach's hard pit is a seed.
Other fruits are hard and
dry. Acorns are hard fruits
with seeds inside. The seeds
grow into oak trees.

Spreading Seeds

The wind carries some seeds to new places. Other seeds float away on water.

Animals spread seeds too.

They eat seeds and drop them in their waste. Some seeds get stuck in animal fur and fall off later.

Seeds Grow

New plants grow from seeds.

Seeds need soil, water, and warmth to grow.

Seeds sprout in soil.

Roots grow downward, and stems grow upward.

Fruits and Seeds We Eat

We eat many seeds and fruits. Apples, pears, and oranges are fruits. Peas are soft seeds that grow in pods. Sunflower seeds make crunchy snacks. The flour in bread comes from the seeds of wheat.

Glossary Terms

root - the part of the plant that is underground

stem - the long main part of a plant from which the leaves and flowers grow

sprout - just beginning to grow

reproduce - to make more of the same kind

seed - the part of a plant that can grow into another plant

flower - the colorful part of a plant that makes fruit and seeds

fruit - the fleshy, juicy part of a plant that contains seeds and usually can be eaten

soil - the upper layer of Earth in which plants grow

pit - the large, hard seed in the middle of some fruits, such as peaches and plums

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