Year 2 reading comprehension: A Plant's Parts

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 4 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–4.



A Plant's Parts

A plant has three main parts: roots, a stem and leaves. The roots hold the plant in the soil and soak up water. The stem is like a straw, because it carries water up to the leaves. Leaves are flat and green, and they catch the sunlight. The plant uses the sunlight to make its own food.

1. What does ‘soak up’ mean in this text?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Take in ○ **B** Let out

○ **C** Wipe up a spill with a cloth

2. Which sentence names all three parts of the plant?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The first sentence ○ **B** The last sentence

○ **C** The second sentence

3. Why is there a colon (:) after ‘three main parts’?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** It shows someone is speaking

○ **B** It shows the sentence has ended and a new one starts

○ **C** It shows that a list of the parts comes next

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4. The text says the stem is ‘like a straw’. What does this tell you about the stem?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Water can travel up inside it

○ **B** It is made of plastic

○ **C** It stops water moving up

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Answer key

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1. A — Take in

The text says: “The roots hold the plant in the soil and soak up water.” Roots are under the ground, where the water is. So: Roots take in water from the soil.

2. A — The first sentence

The text says: “A plant has three main parts: roots, a stem and leaves.” A text often names its main ideas in the first sentence. So: The first sentence names all three parts.

3. C — It shows that a list of the parts comes next

The text says: “A plant has three main parts: roots, a stem and leaves.” A colon can introduce a list. So: The colon tells you a list of the parts comes next.

4. A — Water can travel up inside it

The text says: “The stem is like a straw, because it carries water up to the leaves.” A drink travels up inside a straw, and the stem carries water the same way. So: Water travels up inside the stem.