



Look at the different plants in the park. What do you see? You see that there is grass, some big trees and small plants. There are some plants which bear flowers and others do not.





You must have also noticed that some plants die soon after flowering while some live long.



















On the basis of size, lifespan, habitat and behaviour, plants can be divided into various categories.









ON THE BASIS OF SIZE AND STRENGTH

On the basis of size and strength plants are divided into five groups.









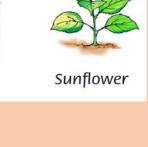


Corriander, Grass, Potato, **Sunflower** etc. are the examples of herbs.













Shrubs

Shrubs are the medium size bushy plants. Their height varies between one to three meters. They have hard and thin stems, and many branches. They live for many years. Rose, Bougainvillea etc. are the examples of the shrubs.















Creepers

There are some plants that have very weak stems but their fruits are big and heavy. They creep on the ground. They are called creepers. Watermelon, Pumpkin and Cucumber are the examples of creepers.







ON THE BASIS OF LIFESPAN

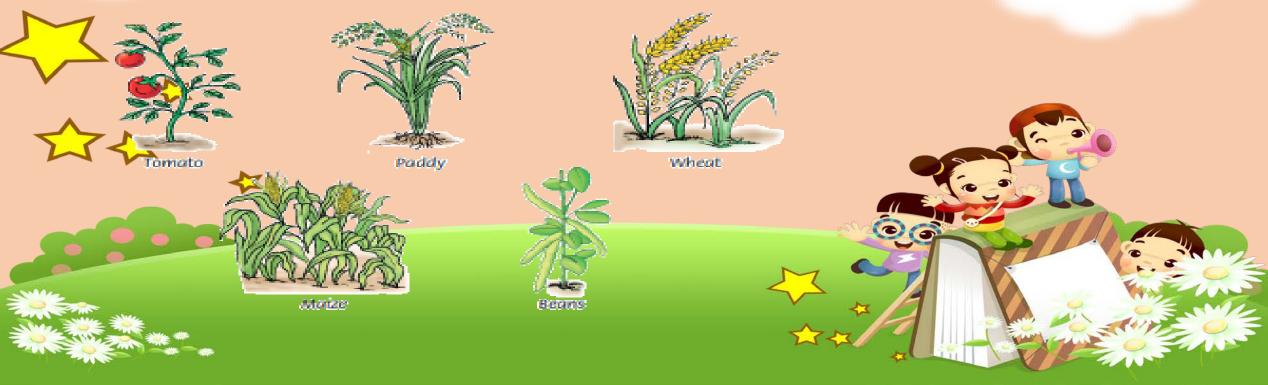
On the basis of the life span of plants, they can be grouped into following types:













Biennials

Biennials are the plants that live for two seasons. Stem and leaves develop in the first season. Flowers and fruits develop in the next season. Carrot, Radish, Onion and Turnip are the examples of biennials.







Perennials

Perennials are the plants that live for many years. Mango,
Neem, Coconut and Banyan are the examples of perennial
plants.





ON THE BASIS OF BEARING FLOWERS

On the basis of bearing flowers, the plants can be divided into two categories.

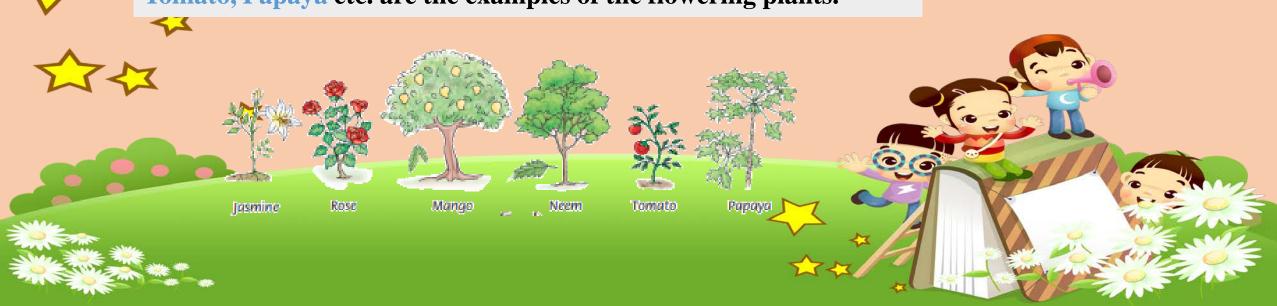






Flowering Plants

Most plants produce flowers. They are called the flowering plants. Some bear flowers only in a particular season while some bear flowers throughout the year. Rose, Jasmine, Mango, Neem, Tomato, Papaya etc. are the examples of the flowering plants.







Check Your Knowledge

Fill in the blanks.

- Pumpkin is the example of a _______.
- are big in size.
- 3. _____ and _____ are biennials.











ON THE BASIS OF HABITAT

Plants can be grouped on the basis of place where they grow.

They are land plants and water plants.



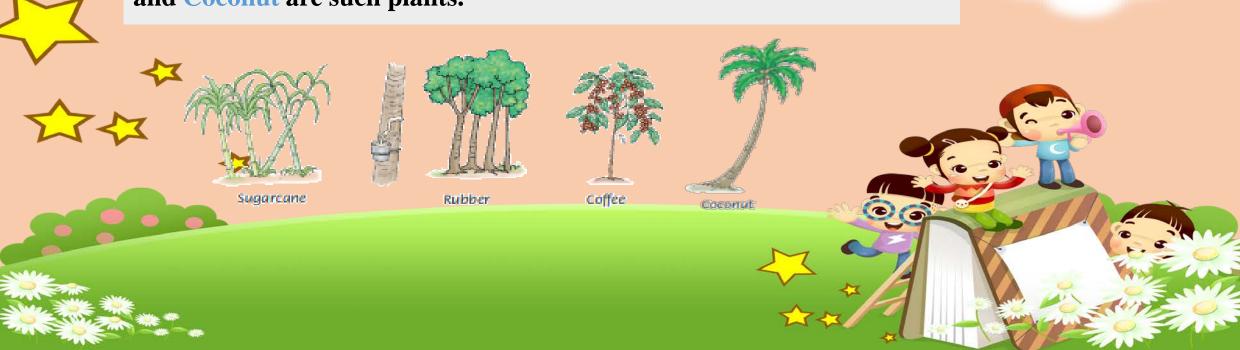


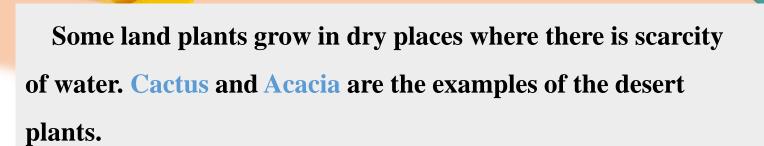




Land Plants

Different kinds of plants grow on the the land. Some land plants need sufficient water to grow. Sugarcane, Rubber, Coffee and Coconut are such plants.









Water Plants

Plants that grow in water are called water plants. They are also called aquatic plants. Lotus, Waterlily and Water Hyacinth are the examples of water plants. Some plants like water hyacinth float on the surface of water. They are called floating plants. They have















Fact File

- The largest single flower is Rafflesia.
- Saffron is the most precious and expensive bright yellow powder made from crocus flowers.









