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The Life Cycle of a Sunflower

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Sunflower Seeds

How do sunflowers grow?

Sunflowers grow from the seeds of the sunflower plant.

Sunflower seeds need sunlight,
soil, water, and warmth.

Then they sprout.



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Underline the words that tell what
happens after sunflower seeds get
what they need.



Growing

Stems peek out on top of the soil.

Small leaves grow on the stems.

Stems fill with more leaves
and branches.

Flower buds form on the branches.

Then the buds open.



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Underline the details that describe
what happens after sunflower seeds
sprout.



Sunflowers!

Sunflowers bloom.

They move to face the sun.

Seeds form inside the flowers.



In fall, sunflowers bend and their seeds scatter.

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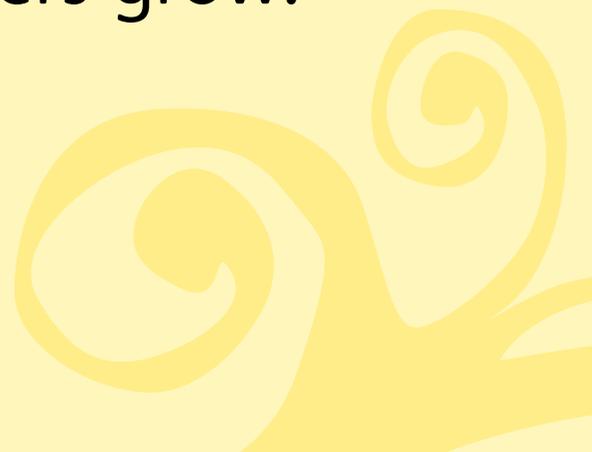
Highlight the words that help you figure out what happens to the sunflower seeds.



Starting Over

Next year, new sunflowers grow.

The life cycle continues.





VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

Underline the word that helps you figure out what **cycle** means.

How Sunflowers Grow



Glossary

branch—the part of the plant or tree that grows out of the main stem like an arm

life cycle—the stages in the life of a plant that include sprouting, reproducing, and dying

scatter—to be thrown or to fall over a wide area

seed—the part of a flowering plant that can grow into a new plant

soil—the dirt where plants grow; most plants get their food and water from the soil

sprout—to grow, appear, or develop quickly

stem—the long main part of a plant that makes leaves

