Plant Structures and Reproduction in Flowers



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Guiding Question:How can flowering plants reproduce?

Plant Parts There are four main parts of a plant. flower ea stem

The Root The root serves several purposes.

1) Roots absorb water in the soil.

2) Roots serve as a support base for the plant so that it will not topple over.

3) Roots can even store extra food for the plant.

The Stem

The stem supports the plant beyond the root.

Stems also transport water and nutrients to the other parts of the plant, like a straw.

The leaf of the plant is where the food is made.

During a process called photosynthesis, the leaf uses carbon dioxide and sunlight to create sugar (food) for the plant.

Photosynthesis

Photosynthesis in leaves also creates oxygen



During photosynthesis, the chlorophyll in the leaves of the plant use up carbon dioxide and while they create sugar for the plant, they also create oxygen.

Reproduction in Flowering Plants Flowers are the part of the plant where seeds are made.

seeds

Reproduction in Flowering Plants

Seeds are what make new plants grow.



Reproduction in Flowering Plants

There is a male and female part of every flower.



Reproduction in Flowering Plants

The stamen and the pistil are the two main reproductive parts of the flower.



The Stamen

Here is a diagram of the stamen. The tip of the anther is where the pollen is made.



The Pistil

Here is a diagram of the pistil, which grows up from the ovary. The ovary produces egg cells.



Full diagram

Of course, not all parts of the flower have reproductive functions, like the petal, sepal and receptacle.



Functions

Even though the petal, sepal and receptacle don't have reproductive purposes, they are all still important functioning parts of the flower.





Pollen is the fine, dust like powder that contains the male reproductive cells of seed-bearing plants.



As this bee collects pollen from the stamen, the female organs in the pistil are fertilized by the pollen.

Pollination

Pollination is the transfer of pollen from the stamen (male) to the pistil (female) in a flower.

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Pollination

The process of pollination can happen from wind, insects, birds, and other animals carrying and transferring the pollen from the stamen to the pistil.





Although bees are the insect who are most famous for pollination, many other insects also help to pollinate plants. Without insects doing this very important job, the world would look much different!

Pollination

Without pollination, flowers could not reproduce, and therefore could not survive.



Birds also transfer pollen for the flowers, and are rewarded with tasty nectar.

Fertilization Fertilization is the process by which the female reproductive cell (egg) is united with the male reproductive cell (sperm or pollen).



After the fertilization point occurs, reproduction is already under way, and a new seed (and more plants) can be created.

Flower Parts

This is the flower of the hibiscus plant. You can easily see the reproductive parts of the flower with the hibiscus.



Summarizer In paragraph format, explain how flowering plants can reproduce.



Make sure to discuss terms such as:

> stamen (male) anther filament pollen pistil (female) style stigma ovary egg pollination fertilization

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