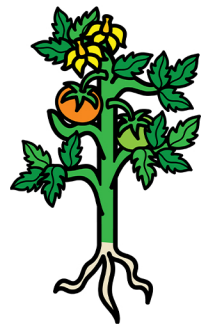


FUN FACTS ABOUT PLANTS



PLANTS TALK

Some plants send chemical signals through the air and through their roots to warn nearby plants when insects are attacking them.



SPEEDY GROWERS

Bamboo is the fastest-growing plant in the world. It can grow up to 3 feet in a single day!

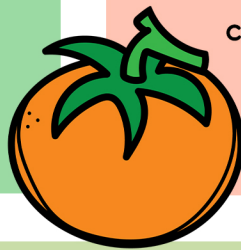


DEEP ROOTS

The roots of some plants can grow incredibly deep. The roots of a fig tree have been found growing more than 400 feet underground!

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

Some plants eat insects! Venus flytraps, pitcher plants, and sundews are carnivorous plants that trap and digest bugs for nutrients.



TRICKY TOMATOES

Tomatoes are fruits, but many people call them vegetables. They grow from the flower of the tomato plant and have seeds inside — that makes them a fruit!

OXYGEN MAKERS

Plants produce the oxygen we breathe! Through photosynthesis, plants release oxygen into the air, making Earth a livable place for humans and animals.

MOST ARE FRUITS

Did you know a tomato, pepper, pumpkin, and cucumber are all fruits — not vegetables? If it grows from a flower and has seeds inside, it's a fruit!



OLDEST LIVING THINGS

The oldest known living plant is a bristlecone pine tree in California that is over 5,000 years old — older than the Great Pyramid of Egypt!



PLANT PHARMACY

Many medicines come from plants! Aspirin was originally made from willow bark, and aloe vera is used to soothe sunburns.

WORLD'S BIGGEST FLOWER

The *Rafflesia arnoldii* is the largest individual flower on Earth. It can grow up to 3 feet wide and smells like rotting meat to attract the flies that pollinate it!