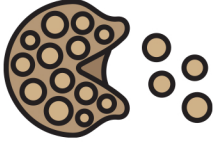


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spore

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A tiny, lightweight cell that some plants use to make new copies of themselves, instead of using a seed.

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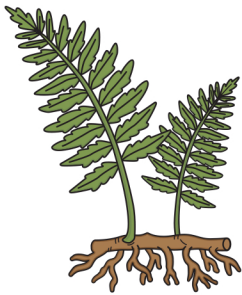
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young
fern

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The stage right after a new plant sprouts, when small leaves are just beginning to unfurl and grow toward the light.

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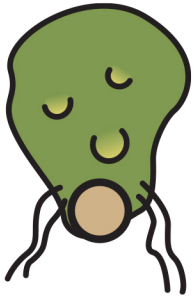
mature
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A fully grown plant with open, spreading leaves that is ready to produce new reproductive cells on the underside of its leaflets.

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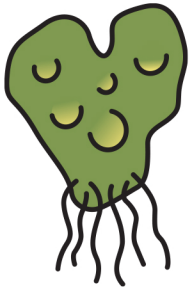
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germination

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The moment a spore splits open and begins to grow into a brand new tiny plant.

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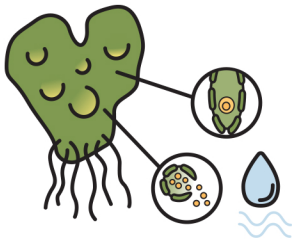
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prothallus

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A tiny, heart-shaped, flat piece of green plant tissue that grows from a germinated spore. It makes the special cells needed to create a brand new plant.

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fertilization

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The moment when a male cell and a female cell join together to start growing a brand-new plant.

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