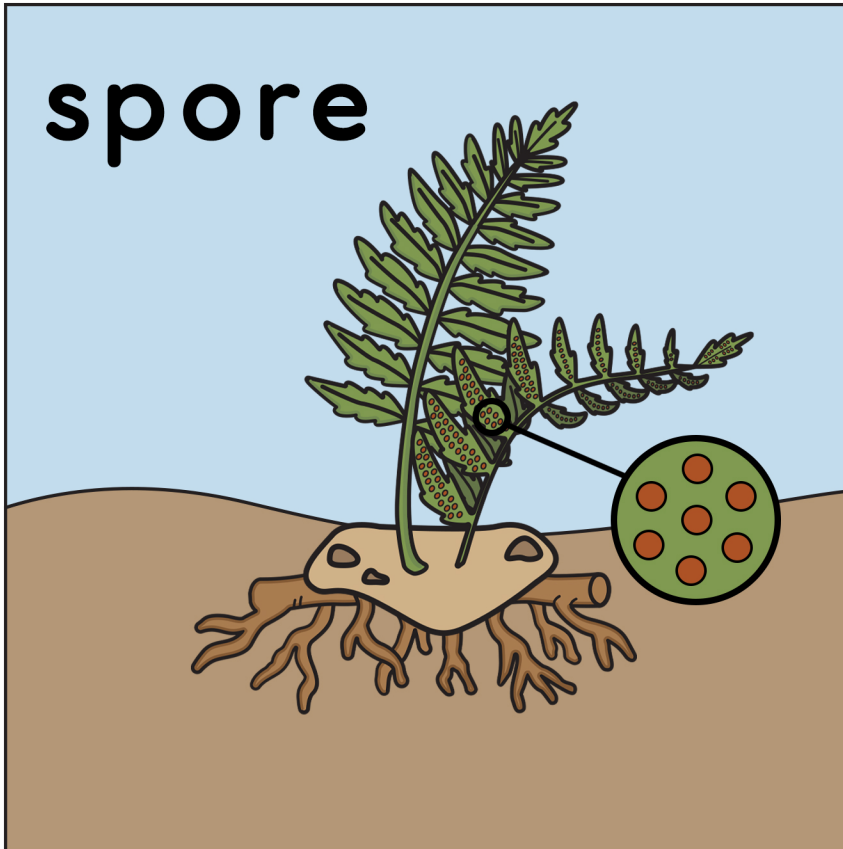


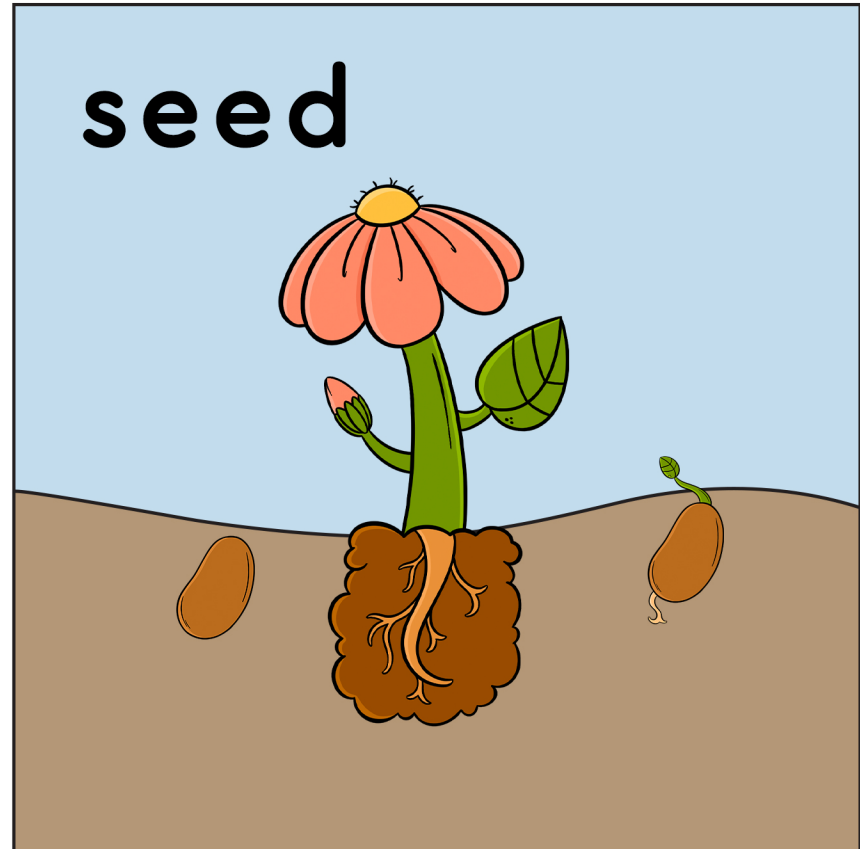
SPORES vs. SEEDS

spore



A **spore** is a tiny, lightweight cell that some plants use to make new **copies** of themselves, instead of using a seed. Plants that grow from spores, like **ferns**, do not make flowers. Spores are light enough to **float** on the wind for a long time.

seed



A **seed** is a small package made by flowering plants that holds a baby plant along with its own **stored food**, protected by an outer coat. Plants that grow from seeds usually make **flowers** first. Seeds are often heavier and may need help from animals, wind, or water to travel.