

Planting Bulbs

- 1 Have you ever noticed the bright colours of spring flowers? Most of them are grown from bulbs, which contain the food that the flower needs to grow. If you want your flowers to appear in the spring, you will need to plant your bulbs in the autumn, either in the garden or in a pot.
- 5 How to plant a bulb:
 - 6 1. Dig a hole that is three to four times as deep as the bulb.
 - 7 2. Plant most bulbs with the round bit facing down and the pointy bit facing up. If you're not sure which is which, plant the bulb on its side. The roots will grow down and the bud will sprout up.
 - 10 3. If you're growing bulbs in a garden, mark the spot where you have planted the bulb. Write the name of the flower on a lollipop stick and push it into the ground above the bulb.
 - 13 4. Wait and watch.
 - 14 5. Once the bulbs have finished flowering, leave the leaves until they begin to turn yellow. This lets the bulb make the food it needs to flower again next year.



Challenge 1

1 Why are most spring flowers grown from bulbs? Tick **one**.

so the flowers have bright colours

so you plant them in the autumn

so the flowers have food to grow

so they flower in the spring

2 Find and copy **two** places you can plant a bulb.

3 Which sentence is an instruction? Tick **one**.

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4 "*The roots will grow down and the bud will sprout up.*"

The word "*sprout*" in the sentence is closest in meaning to (tick **one**):

green vegetable. grow.

stem. leaf.

5 "*Wait and watch.*"

Write what you think will happen next.

6 Number these events to show the order in which they happen.

Enjoy the spring flowers. Let the leaves turn yellow.

Plant the bulb. Let the roots grow down.

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Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers: