

Life of a Plant by Risa Jordan

Generative Question Process

Read each section of the poem. Stop and think about the answer to the questions. If you can, talk with someone about what your answers are.

Parts of the Poem	Questions to Guide Understanding
A plant will grow from a tiny seed, Some water and sun is all you need. First the roots grow underground, They suck up minerals from all around.	What words and ideas do you have to puzzle through to figure out possible meanings?
Then come stems, some tall, some stout, And next the branches spread about. Leaves grow in all shapes and sizes, Watch this new life as it rises.	What words and ideas do you have to puzzle through to figure out possible meanings?
Flowers bloom from buds on stems, They are as pretty as precious gems. Some plants give us juicy fruit, Some have vegetables at the root.	What words and ideas do you have to puzzle through to figure out possible meanings?
New seeds travel to and fro, By wind and water, on the go. And the cycle keeps on going, Soon new stems and leaves are showing.	What words and ideas do you have to puzzle through to figure out possible meanings?
Stop and Jot: In your reader's notebook or on a piece of paper answer the following question. How did puzzling through words and ideas help you understand the poem better? Share your thinking with someone.	