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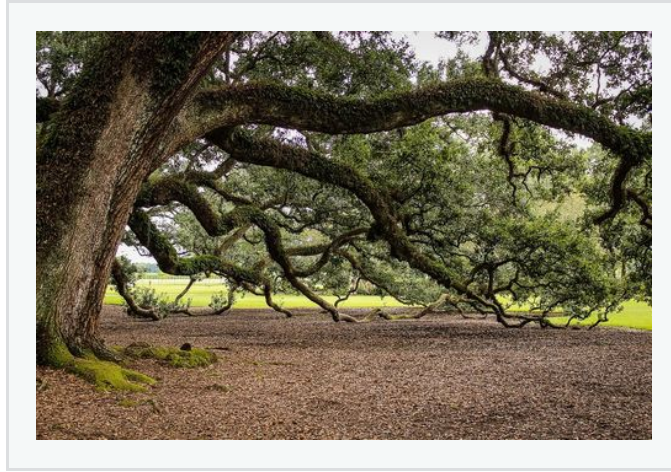
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# Parts of a Tree

By ReadWorks



Trees are a kind of plant. They grow like some other plants do. What are the parts of a tree?

A tree has leaves. The leaves help make food for the tree.

A tree has branches. Branches give trees their shape.

A tree has bark. Bark is hard skin on the outside of the tree.

A tree has roots. Roots take in water for the tree. How are trees like other plants?

# How Plants Work

By ReadWorks



Every part of a plant has a job to do.

The **leaves** make food for the plant. Leaves use sunlight to make food.

The **stem** holds the plant up. Without a strong stem, the plant would fall down.

The **roots** grow underground. Roots take in water for the plant.

**Flowers** look pretty, but they have a job too! They make sure new plants will grow. Seeds grow inside flowers. The seeds will fall to the ground. Many of the seeds will grow into new plants.

# How Trees Help

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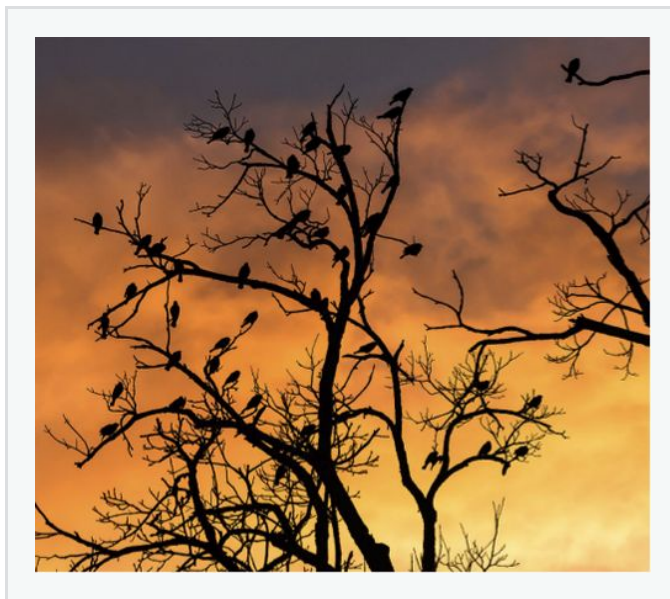


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Did you know that trees are helpers? Trees are plants that clean our air.

There is a gas in the air that can be dangerous to people. Tree leaves take in that gas. The leaves use that gas to make food for the tree. Then the leaves give off a clean gas. The clean gas goes into the air for us to breathe.

Trees also give us shade on hot days. Trees give us food to eat. Trees give some animals homes. Thank you, trees!

# How Plants Get Water and Food

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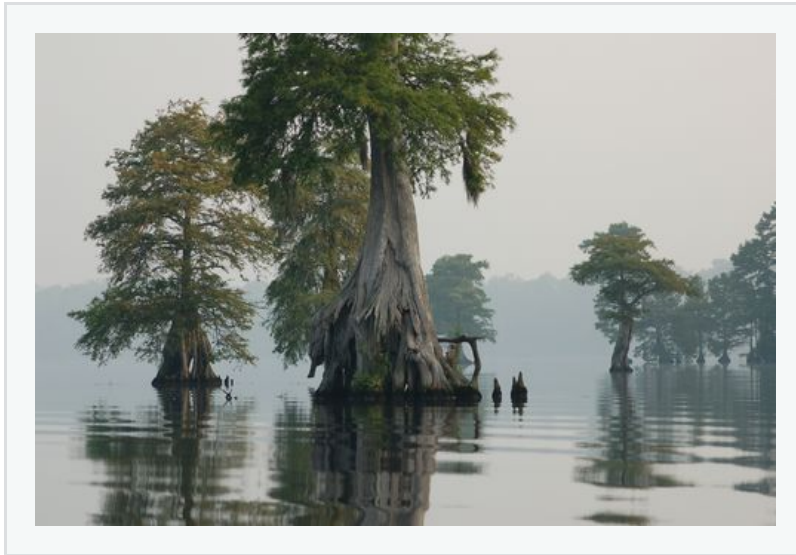


Most plants have roots. Those roots grow down into the dirt. The roots take in water from the dirt. The roots also take in minerals and other things from the dirt.

A plant uses those things to help it make food. The water and food then move up the plant's stem. They move to other parts of the plant. This helps the plant grow well.

# All Kinds of Plants

By Kate Paixao



Plants come in many sizes and shapes.

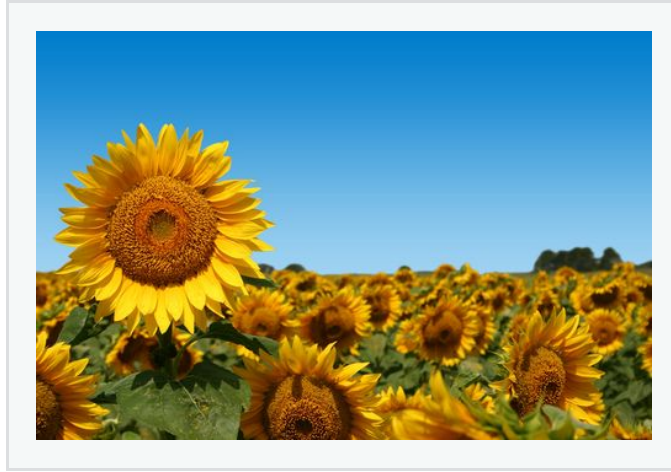
Some are big. Giant sequoia trees can grow to be 275 feet tall. Other plants are small. Some mosses are so small you cannot see them.

Some plants live in dry places. Cactus plants live in hot, dry deserts. Some plants live in wet places. Seaweed floats in the ocean.

Some plants make their own food. Most plants use energy from the sun to make food. Others catch food. The Venus flytrap catches flies to eat.

# Bright As the Sun

By ReadWorks



Sunflowers are big, beautiful plants. Many are bright and yellow, just like the sun. Some sunflowers are orange or brown or red. Sunflowers grow in fields. They need sunshine and warmth to grow from seed to flower. And sunflowers need lots of water!