

Reading Tip

You can predict what kind of information a text has. Read the title and look at the photos.

3 What helps a plant grow? Mark (✓) the things that help a plant grow. Then read the text in 4 to check.

<input type="checkbox"/> sun	<input type="checkbox"/> air	<input type="checkbox"/> dark	<input type="checkbox"/> snow
<input type="checkbox"/> rain	<input type="checkbox"/> warm weather	<input type="checkbox"/> very hot weather	

4 What do you think the text is about? Use the title and photos to help you.

It's a hard life—even for plants!

Plants need water, light, and the right temperature to grow. They usually don't grow well when it's too hot, too cold, or when they do not have enough light and air. But, some plants can grow in very difficult conditions.

One example is the cactus. It can grow in very hot places where there is very little water. When it rains, the cactus stores water to help it stay alive when it is dry.



Alpine plants live near the tops of very high mountains, like the Alps in Western Europe. The temperatures there are very low, and there is snow for a large part of the year. These small plants can stay alive under the snow.



At the bottom of the oceans, there is no air, and there is very little light. The water is very cold, and conditions are too difficult for most plants to grow and for most animals to live. But, where there is even a little light, there are tiny plants that grow in the water. These plants provide food for the creatures that live in the deep ocean.

5 How about you? What's the name of your favorite plant? Where does it grow? Why do you like it? Write about it here.
