



# Plants – from sugarcane to sugar



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Sugar is one of the foods that we need to stay healthy. There are different kinds of sugar. We get sugar in fruit. Even milk contains sugar. The background picture below shows you the big sugarcane fields of KwaZulu-Natal.



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Sugarcane is very useful.

Sugarcane is a tall plant that looks like bamboo. It grows in a tropical climate. Sugarcane needs a lot of sunlight and rain. In South Africa the province of KwaZulu-Natal is the best place for planting sugarcane.

Look at the picture of sugarcane. Notice the following parts of the plant: long, golden stem; long, narrow leaves; the divisions (called internodes) along the stem; the bunch of roots in the soil.

Sugarcane has to grow for 14 to 24 months



Keep up the  
good work!



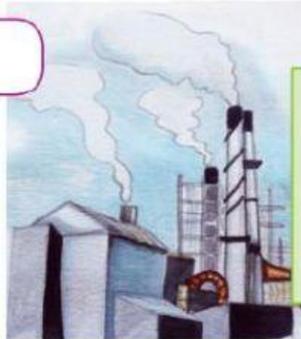


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Number the pictures in the correct order to show how sugar is produced.



Tractors plough the land.



At the mill the sugarcane is pressed and the sugar syrup squeezed out. The sugar is then cleaned and refined, ready for us to buy it.



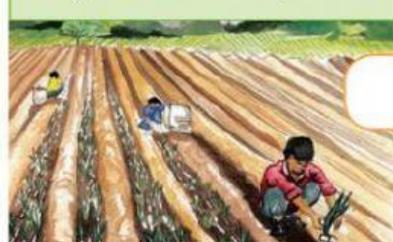
Sugarcane is harvested and tied together in bundles.



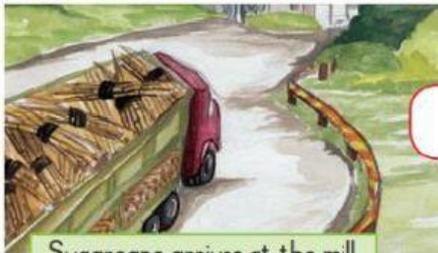
Irrigation is used to water the sugarcane.



Sugarcane shoots are planted.



The sugarcane is taken to the mill.



Sugarcane arrives at the mill.

