



UNIT #2 – READING SECTION

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The Flypaper Plant

The butterwort is a plant that can't get enough nutrients from the ground. So what does it do? It also eats insects! The flower of the butterwort is purple. It sits on a tall stem that has no leaves. All the leaves are near the ground. They are bright green with turned-up edges. The top of the leaf is shiny. It looks watery, but it's really sticky.

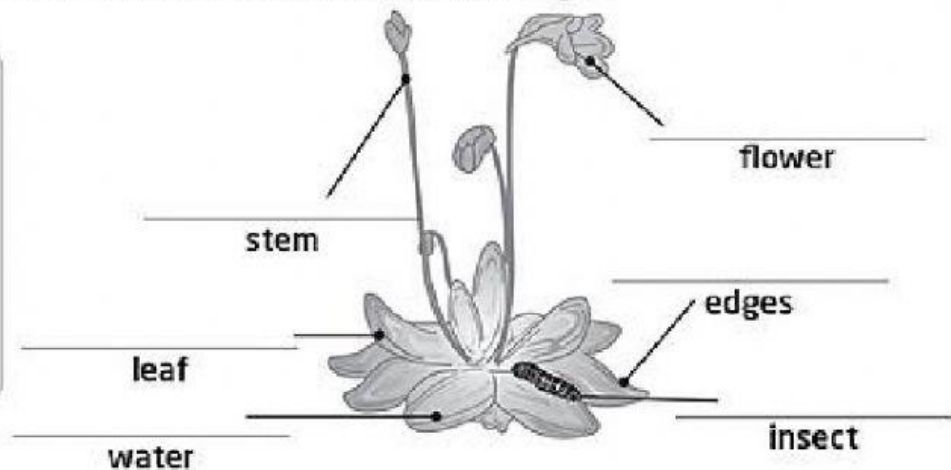
When an insect lands on a leaf, it is trapped. When it tries to get away, the butterwort makes more sticky water. The edges of the leaf turn up even more to hold the sticky water. Slowly, the soft parts of the insect are digested. It's a strategy for survival that works!



butterwort plant

2 Label the picture. Use information from Activity 1.

bright green
purple
sticky
tall
trapped
turned-up



3 Read and write. Number the order of events that happen when an insect is trapped.

- ☐ The insect is trapped on the leaf.
- ☐ The soft parts of the insect are digested.
- ☐ More sticky water is made, and the edges of the leaf turn up.
- ☐ The insect lands on the leaf.