

33 Using Plants

Plants can be found almost everywhere and they come in all shapes and sizes. They might look like tiny flowers or huge trees. But there are other plants of all shapes and sizes in between. Some plants can be pretty to look at, other plants can be useful, and some may even be dangerous.

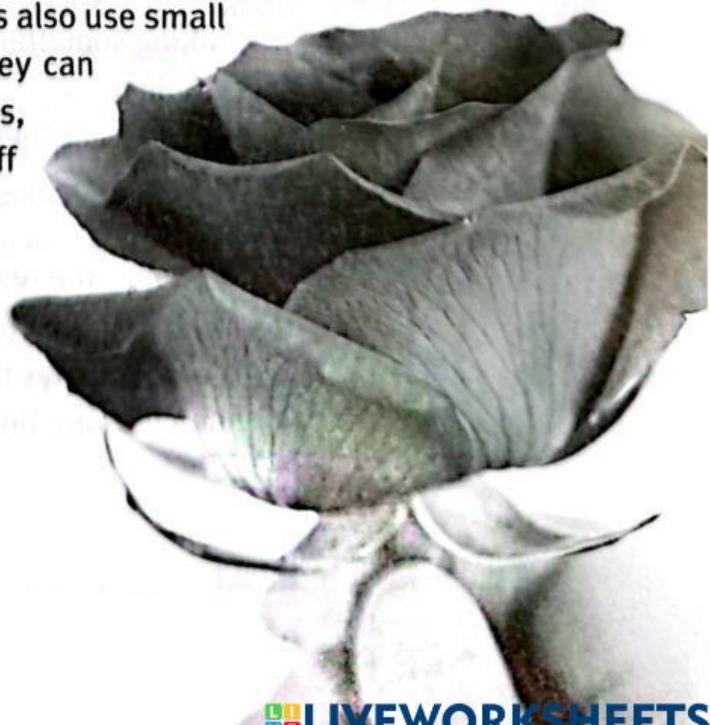
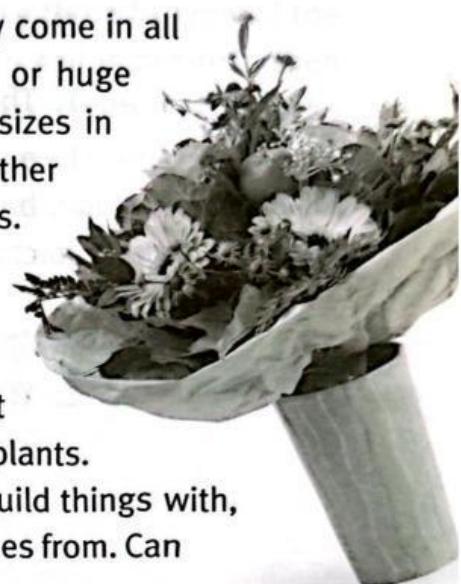
5 There are many plants that must be able to grow in dark jungles, open fields, or even under water.

There are many different types of plants and just as many uses for all those plants. There is almost no end to the number of uses we have found for plants.

10 There are plants you can eat, plants you can use to build things with, and even plants we get many of our important medicines from. Can you think of some other uses for plants?

We also use plants and flowers for decorating. They are also great for cheering someone up! Just try giving someone some flowers and see what happens. Think about a television program that showed a hospital room. Probably in that show you could see flowers near the bed in the hospital room. Giving flowers to sick people is a very common thing to do.

It is not just people that need and use plants. Plants are also very important for animals. Animals use plants for many of the same things people use plants for: food, building homes, and even doing work. A monkey is a good example of an animal that uses plants. Of course, they eat lots of leaves, flowers, and fruit. But some monkeys also use small branches from trees to get food. They can put a small branch into a hill of ants, pull out some ants, and eat them off the branch!



Time

Circle the right answer.

1. The reading is about:
 - a. different sized plants
 - b. the many things we can do with plants
 - c. different types of plants and where you can find them
2. Where does the writer say you might see flowers?
 - a. in a hospital room
 - b. near a woman's bed in her bedroom
 - c. on top of a television
3. The writer says that plants can be used for all of the following EXCEPT:
 - a. making something to wear
 - b. making someone feel happy
 - c. catching insects
4. What does the word "decorating" in this sentence mean?
We also use plants and flowers for **decorating**.
 - a. making something look nice
 - b. cleaning
 - c. giving to another person
5. According to the reading, which statement is true?
 - a. Trees are not a type of plant.
 - b. The writer says that there are not many plants under water.
 - c. Animals sometimes use plants for the same reason humans do.

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