CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

KEEP GROW EAT FALL SHUT COMES CATCH FLY HANG BECOME STUCK

All plants need certain basic nutrients, including carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and other minerals. These _____ the plants alive and help them _____ bigger. Oxygen _____ from the atmosphere, and most plants take in other nutrients from the soil. But some plants live in soils that do not have enough of the minerals they need, and _____ carnivorous, meaning they _____ meat! They get extra nitrogen from the body of insects which they _____ in traps.

Carnivorous plants have come up with different ways of catching insects. The leaves of the Butterwort are sticky, so insects which land on the leaves get _____, and the plant slowly digests them. The Pitcher Plant, on the other hand, has long, hollow jug-shaped traps called 'pitchers', which _____ at the end of its leaves. Insects _____ to the pitcher because of its colour and smell, then _____ down into the trap and cannot escape because the sides are slippery. In the case of the Venus Fly Trap, when an insect lands on one of its lobes, they snap _____ and trap the insect inside. In this way, Carnivorous plants have managed to adapt perfectly to their environment.



ENGLISH_ON_THE_GO_

LIVEWORKSHEETS