

# The Mint Plants



Jose and Zoe went to a plant's store. The store was having a big sale. They both bought mint plants. They like the minty smell the leaves produced. Jose put his plant near a sunny window so it could get energy and sunlight from the sun. He watered his plants everyday. He also made sure the soil contained nutrients such as water and minerals for the roots to absorb. He wanted his plant to grow tall and healthy. Zoe put her plant in her bedroom where it could not get any energy from the sunlight. She did not water her plant, so the plant had no nutrients to absorb. Jose's plant looked green and healthy after a few days. But Zoe's plant had some brown leaves, the stem was soft, and did not look healthy at all. Zoe was very upset and wondered what happened? Jose told her "Your plant needs energy from sunlight, and water to get nutrients." Zoe moved her plant to a sunny window where it could get energy from the sun. Give it some water so it could get the nutrients it needed. Soon both plants looked green

**1. What do Jose and Zoe buy at the beginning of the story?**

- A. Mint plants
- B. iPods
- C. books about plants

**2. Where did Jose put his plant?**

- A. outside
- B. near a sunny window
- C. in his bedroom

**3. How do you know that Zoe's plant needs energy from the sun?**

- A. Zoe put her plant in her bedroom.
- B. Zoe goes to a plant sale.
- C. Zoe's plant had some brown leaves.

**4. What is the big lesson in "What Plants Need"?**

- A. Plants hate bedrooms.
- B. Plants need light from the sun and water to be healthy.