



Do You Like Flowers?

Introduction

This is a good story inspiration for the spring and summer months. It will also suit a wide age range working together.

Preparation

Have ready a variety of seeds.

- A packet of mustard / cress seeds
- A few sunflower seeds
- Apple pips or other fruit seeds
- A bean
- An avocado stone, perhaps

You could plant some of the seeds if you want.

Compare their sizes, shapes and colours. Talk about what they will look like when they are grown.

Which will be the tallest?

Which will have the brightest flowers?

Which ones could you eat? (all of the above selection).

Introduction to the story Inspiration

Look at all these seeds. They are all so different. It is just as well we can tell which one is which. You wouldn't want to get them mixed up. Anything might grow! Seeds come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. Some can float, others can fly. Some can even explode. Some seeds can travel a very long way.

What if you discovered a seed no-one had ever seen before? What sort of flower might it have?

And what if it was REALLY UNUSUAL? Perhaps it might talk, or walk. It might be dangerous.

What might this flower eat?

Well Authors, have you ideas for a new story?

Discuss the strange flower with your scribe.

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Author _____

Scribe _____

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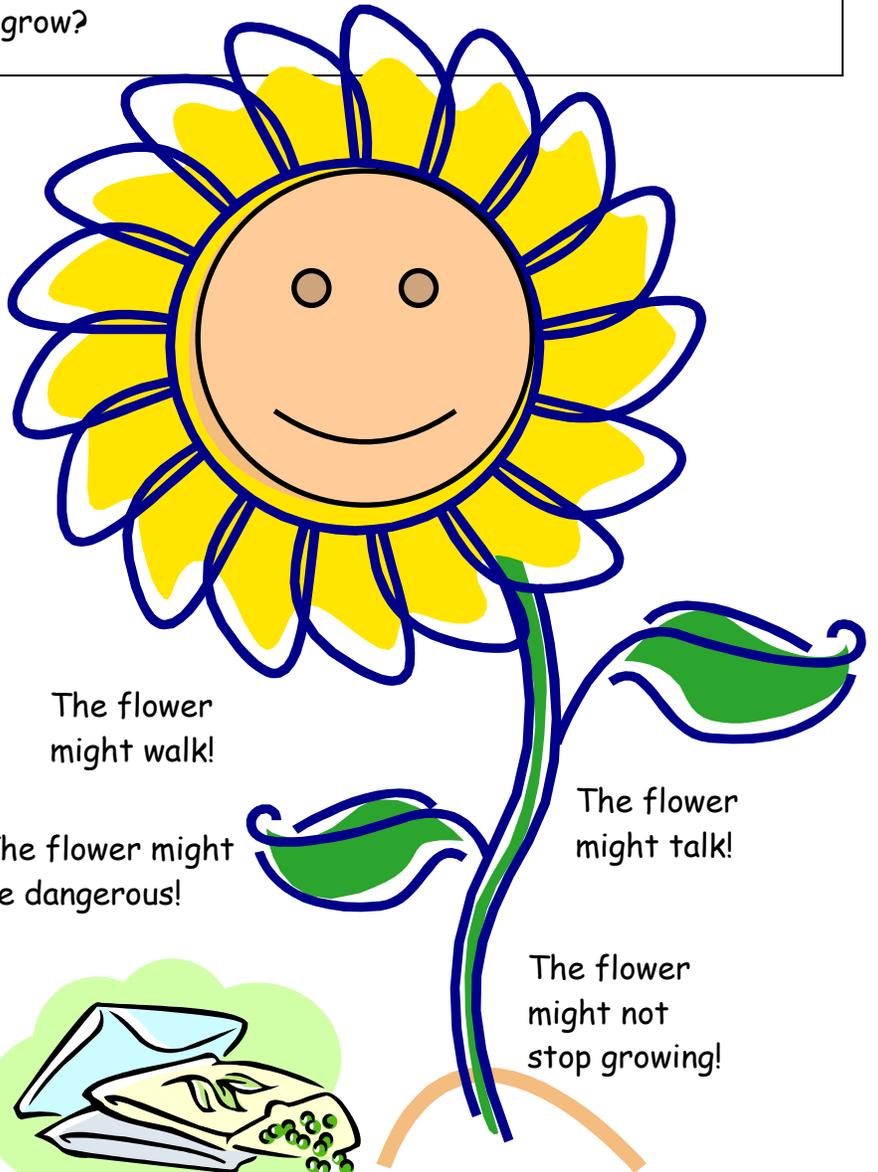
Have you got a garden?
Would you like prefer to grow flowers or vegetables that you can eat?
Have you ever planted seeds from seed packets? The flowers on the front of the packet always look so bright and beautiful.

Story idea

- Did you find the seed packet or did you buy it?
- Did someone give it to you?
- What was the picture on the packet like?
- What instructions were there for growing the seeds?
- How did you plant them?
- Where did you plant them?
- Did you tell anyone?
- What came up first?
- What came up next?
- Why was this flower a BIG surprise?
- What happened?

You can make this an exciting, a scary, or a funny story?

It can be fun to grow things.
Have you tried growing cress? You can grow it on damp cotton wool.
Have you tried growing a bean in a jar?
Have you tried planting a sunflower seed to see how tall it might grow?



The flower might walk!

The flower might be dangerous!

The flower might talk!

The flower might not stop growing!

The flower might be friendly!

The flower might be magic!



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