The Plant with Many Jobs



A garden story about the parts of a plant

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Lina and Mateo were watering the school garden when Mateo pointed at a sunflower.

‘It’s just one plant,’ he said,
‘but it has so many parts.’

Lina looked closely. ‘Roots under the soil,
a tall stem, big leaves, and a flower at the top.’

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Ms. Alvarez knelt beside the plant. ‘The roots are like straws and anchors,’ she said. ‘They pull in water and minerals from the soil, and they hold the plant in place.’

Mateo tapped the stem gently. ‘What about this part?’

‘The stem is like a delivery road,’ Ms. Alvarez said. ‘It holds the plant upright and carries water and food to different parts.’



Lina touched a leaf. ‘And the leaves make food, right?’

‘Exactly,’ said Ms. Alvarez. ‘Leaves use sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide to make food for the plant.’

Sunlight spilled through the garden, and the green leaves glowed like little food factories.

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Mateo looked up at the bright yellow flower.
‘So what does the flower do?’

‘The flower helps the plant make seeds,’
Ms. Alvarez explained.

Lina pointed to a tomato plant nearby. ‘And fruits?’

‘Fruits protect the seeds inside,’ Ms. Alvarez said.
‘They help seeds travel and grow into new plants.’

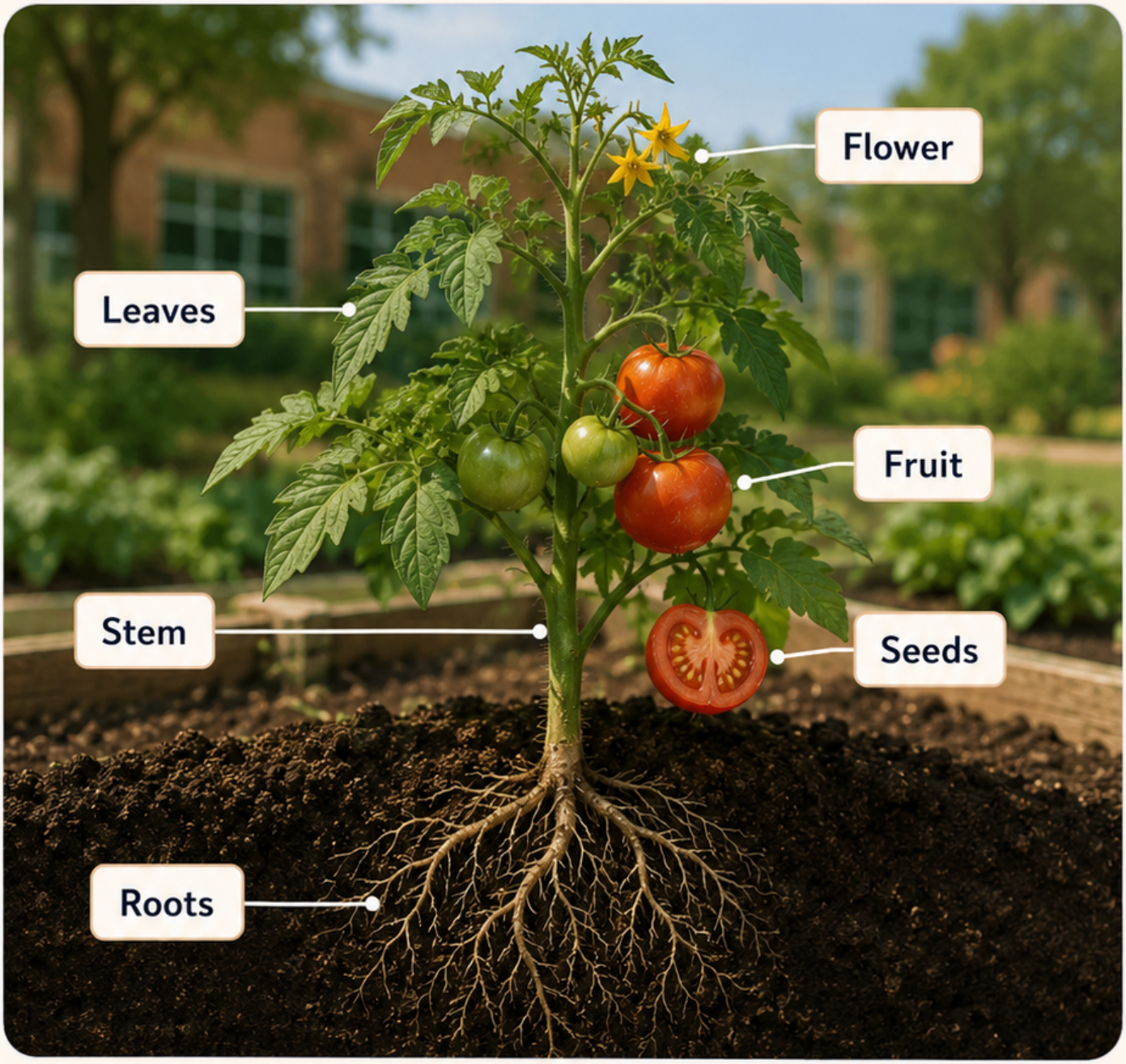


Mateo grinned. ‘So a plant is like a whole team.’

Ms. Alvarez nodded. ‘Yes. Every part works together.’

Lina smiled. ‘The roots drink, the stem carries, the leaves cook, the flower helps make seeds, and the fruit protects them.’

Ms. Alvarez laughed. ‘Now you understand plants perfectly.’



What the Kids Learned

- **Roots** absorb water and minerals and hold the plant in place.
- **Stem** supports the plant and moves water and food.
- **Leaves** make food through photosynthesis.
- **Flowers** help the plant make seeds.
- **Fruits** protect seeds.
- **Seeds** can grow into new plants.

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That afternoon, Lina drew a picture of a plant in her notebook and labeled each part.

At the bottom she wrote:

‘A plant is not just one thing. It is a team of parts working together.’

The End