

The Seed That Slept Underground

A science story about seeds and germination

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A Seed in the Garden

Asha knelt in the school garden with a tiny bean seed in her palm. “I wonder what you will become,” she whispered.

She tucked the seed into the soil, gave it a drink of water, and patted the earth gently.

Every day after school, Asha came back to peek at the spot. But the soil stayed quiet and still.

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Nothing Yet?

A week passed. No leaves. No stem. Just brown soil.

“Did my seed fall asleep?” Asha asked.

Ms. Mira smiled. “Maybe it is busy underground,” she said.

Asha frowned. How could something invisible be so busy?

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The First Sip

Ms. Mira showed Asha a seed diagram. “When a seed gets water,” she said, “it begins to wake up.”

Under the soil, the seed coat softened, and the tiny plant inside started to stir.

Asha imagined the seed drinking its first sip underground.



Warmth and Air

Seeds also need air and the right warmth.
The soft soil held tiny spaces full of air,
and the sunny days kept the ground warm.
Underground, the sleepy seed was getting
everything it needed to begin growing.

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A Root Reaches Down

Before anything green appears above the ground, a tiny root pushes downward first. It helps anchor the new plant and starts taking in water. Asha could not see it yet, but the seed was already reaching into the soil.



A Shoot Climbs Up

Next, a small shoot began to stretch upward.

It pressed through the dark soil, searching for sunlight.

The seed was no longer asleep.

It was growing.

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Hello, Little Sprout!

One morning Asha gasped. A tiny green sprout had popped above the soil.

“You woke up!” she cheered.

Ms. Mira nodded. “That is called germination—the moment a seed begins to grow into a new plant.”

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What Asha Learned

Germination is the process in which a seed begins to grow into a new plant. Seeds need water, air, and the right warmth to start growing. First a tiny root comes out, and later a shoot grows upward toward the light.



Water

Water helps wake the seed.

Air

Air helps the seed grow.

Warmth

Warmth helps start germination.

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The End

Asha smiled at her sprout every day.

What looked like sleeping was really growing. Underground,

the seed had quietly taken in water, air, and warmth—and then

begun its new life.

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