



# Caladenia



G'day Everybody,

Here is an activity pack on plants, gardens, and all things green and growing.

If you are interested in receiving an activity pack, please let us know, we would love to provide you with one! Even if you'd like to try them out!

Many thanks to Bunnings Croydon for their generous donation of the seedlings and pots! We will keep in touch and see how your plants are doing!!

If there is a topic you would like covered in an activity pack, please let us know, either let us know in person or call us on 9727 2222.

Enjoy!

The Caladenia Team





**THE EARTH HAS MORE THAN 80,000 SPECIES OF EDIBLE PLANTS.**

If you're ever in the mood to try something new, the good news is that there is certainly food you haven't tasted yet growing somewhere in the world.

**70,000 PLANT SPECIES ARE UTILISED FOR MEDICINE.**

As it turns out, humans are more diversified in the plants we use for medicine. Although a large portion of that figure applies to traditional medicine, modern medicine is not exempt from plant help.

- A cluster of bananas is called a hand and consists of 10 to 20 bananas known as fingers!
- Vanilla flavouring comes from the pod of an orchid, *Vanilla planifolia*!
- The first certified botanical garden was founded by Pope Nicholas III in the Vatican City in 1278 AD!
- There are over 300,000 identified plant species and the list is growing all the time!
- Oak trees are struck by lightning more than any other tree!
- Carrots were originally purple in colour
- The first potatoes were cultivated in Peru about 7,000 years ago!
- Apple, potatoes, and onions have the same taste, to test this eat them with your nose closed!
- The tears during cutting an onion are caused by sulfuric acid in them!
- Peaches, Pears, apricots, quinces, strawberries, and apples are members of the rose family!
- At over 2000 kilometres long, The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on Earth!
- Cucumber is a fruit and not a vegetable since it has seeds in the centre!



# Gardening

B J E M L Z H E S O R N A W  
V O R D X T U P G M Y I K O  
H L Z I S C N J B E D F Q R  
U X G R O W E A H K R A P M  
Q D Y T N I D O L C S E E D  
M H E J B F R G U P K L R X  
Y P C A Y S A Z N I T V E J  
E W K Q D M G B H O R F W U  
L I O S T C E J O Y A P O N  
G L Y W K U N R A D Q Z L I  
P T O S E H S U B R M C F X  
I Z N K R E L Q W A T E R O  
M D I G U X D P E Y C H T B  
R W T A F O V S Z N L Q J S

BED	GROW	SOIL
BUSHES	HOE	STEM
DEAD	LEAF	WATER
DIG	PLANT	WEEDS
DIRT	ROOT	WILT
FLOWER	ROSE	WORM
GARDEN	SEED	YARD



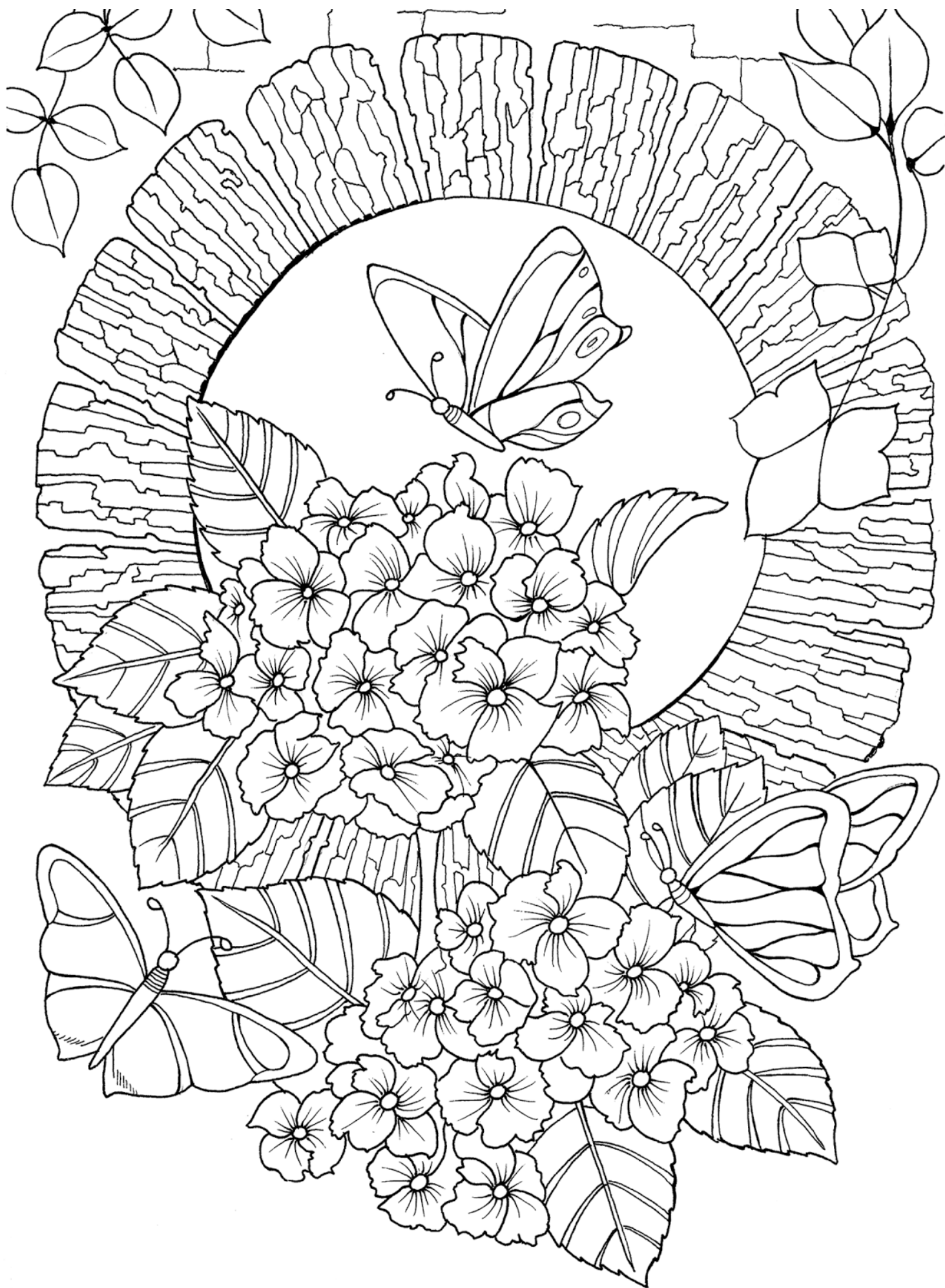


## You Will Need:

- Potting mix
- Seedlings and plant cuttings:
  - Herbs: parsley, basil, thyme, rosemary, chives & lavender
  - Flowers: marigolds, pansies, inpatients, begonias
  - Succulents: aloe vera, jade plant, echeveria
- Plastic planting pots
- Gloves
- Garden trowels
- Small watering cans

## Instructions

- Sit around a table (cover table with plastic rubbish bags and fasten underneath with tape).
- Grab some gloves, a garden trowel, and some pots.
- Fill a pot with potting mix, planting some seeds, and water.





Can you find all of the flowers in the letters below?  
 Look up, down, sideways, backwards, and diagonally.

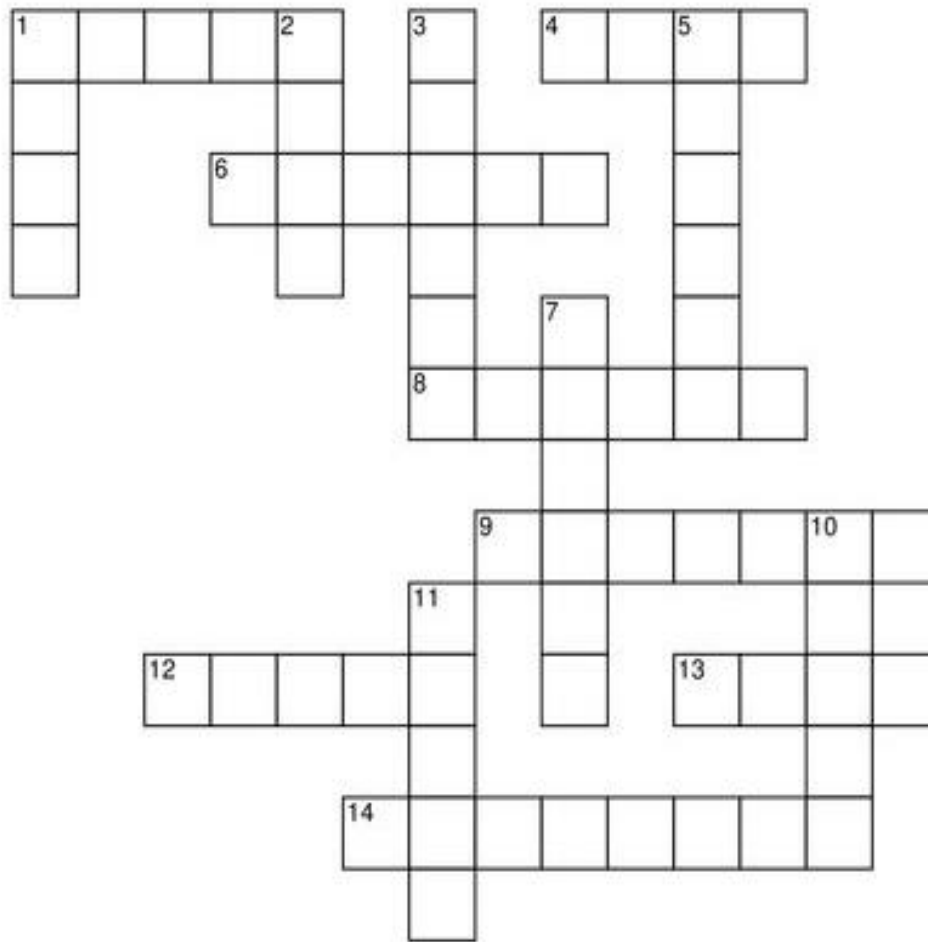


BUTTERCUP  
 CARNATION  
 CHRYSANTHEMUM  
 DAFFODIL  
 DAISY  
 DANDELION  
 GERANIUM  
 HONEYSUCKLE

IRIS  
 LILAC  
 LILY  
 LOTUS  
 MARIGOLD  
 PEONY  
 PERIWINKLE  
 POPPY

PRIMROSE  
 RHODODENDRON  
 ROSE  
 TULIP  
 VIOLET  
 WATER LILY  
 ZINNIA

# Plants



## ACROSS

- 1 New plants grow from tiny \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Like all living things, plants \_\_\_\_\_ and change.
- 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ of a plant grow on the stem.
- 8 Roots hold plants in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Most plants have \_\_\_\_\_ that make seeds.
- 12 All plants need sunlight, food, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 The stem carries \_\_\_\_\_ and water to all the parts of the plant.
- 14 Plants use \_\_\_\_\_ to stay healthy.

## DOWN

- 1 A tiny \_\_\_\_\_ can grow into a beautiful plant.
- 2 The part of the plant that holds the plant up straight is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Plants are \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- 5 Plants give off \_\_\_\_\_ to help us breathe.
- 7 Insects carry \_\_\_\_\_ from flower to flower.
- 10 The \_\_\_\_\_ of a plant take in water and minerals from the soil.
- 11 Sometimes, a plant can grow \_\_\_\_\_ that we can eat.

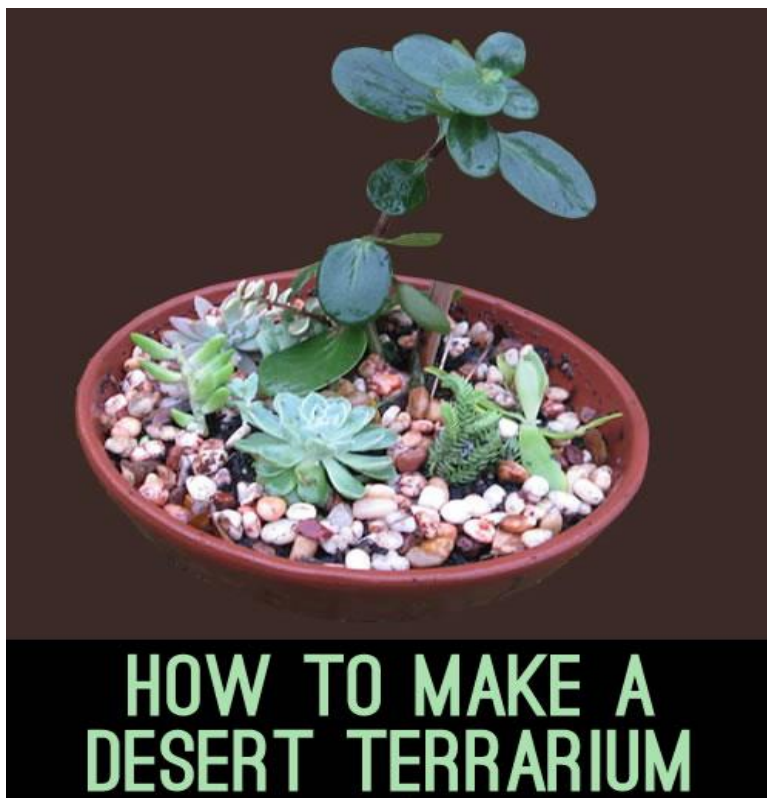
**WORD BANK:** Flowers, food, fruit, ground, grow, leaves, living, minerals, oxygen, pollen, roots, seed, seeds, stem, water.











## Materials:

- Containers (terracotta, stone, or ceramic).
- Succulent plants of different kinds (cacti is not recommended)
- Sand and small pebbles or white river stones.
- Recycled vegetable netting or fabric
- Potting mixture
- Ornaments if available (lizards, frogs, turtles etc)

## Instructions:

- Grab a container, a garden spade and have available a box of potting mixture within easy access.
  - Cover with the container's drainage hole with recycled vegetable netting or a piece of fabric, so that soil won't fall from container.
  - 3/4 fill the containers with soil mixture.
  - Place 4 cm (1 inch) of sand over soil mixture.
  - Arrange succulents in a stylish fashion (3 or 4 different kinds).
  - Place pebbles or small river stones around plants.
  - If you have ornaments, (lizards, frogs, turtles) position them around the plants
- How to care for the Desert Terrarium: Place in a sunny position and water once a week in summer and every two weeks in winter.

# NAME THE FLOWER

FILL IN THE BLANKS

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F \_ X G L \_ \_ E

I \_ I \_

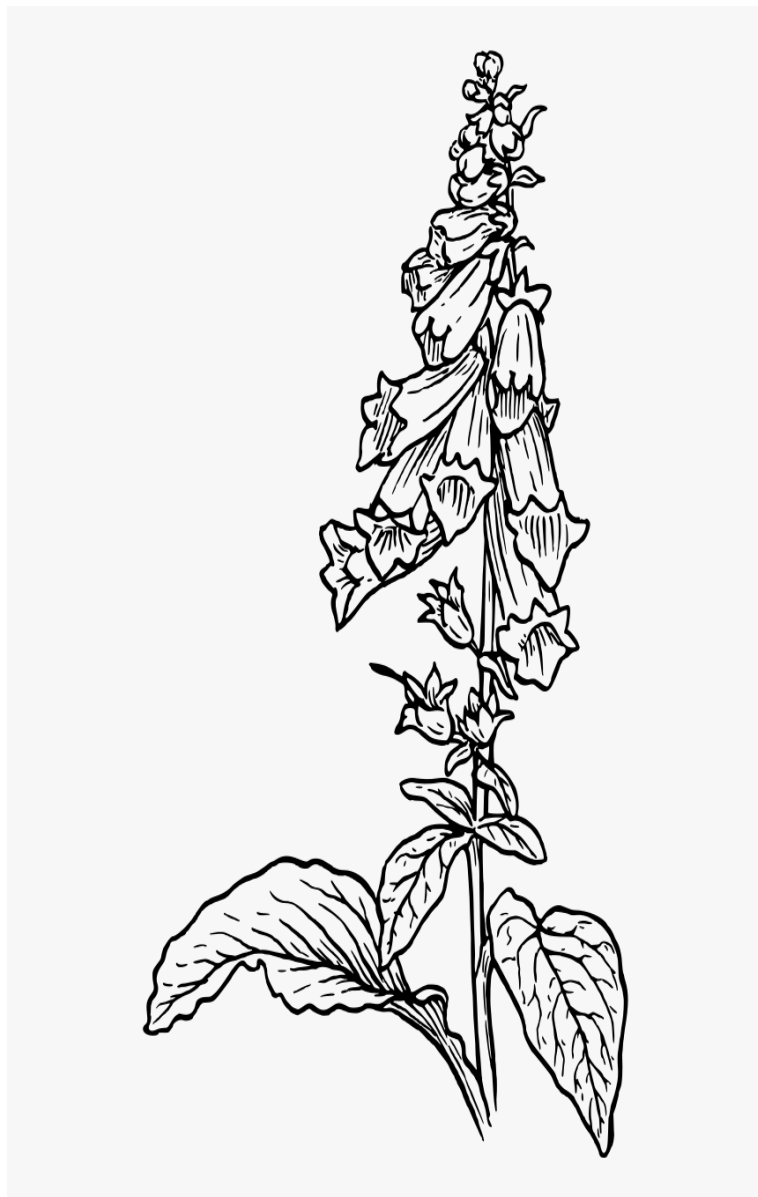
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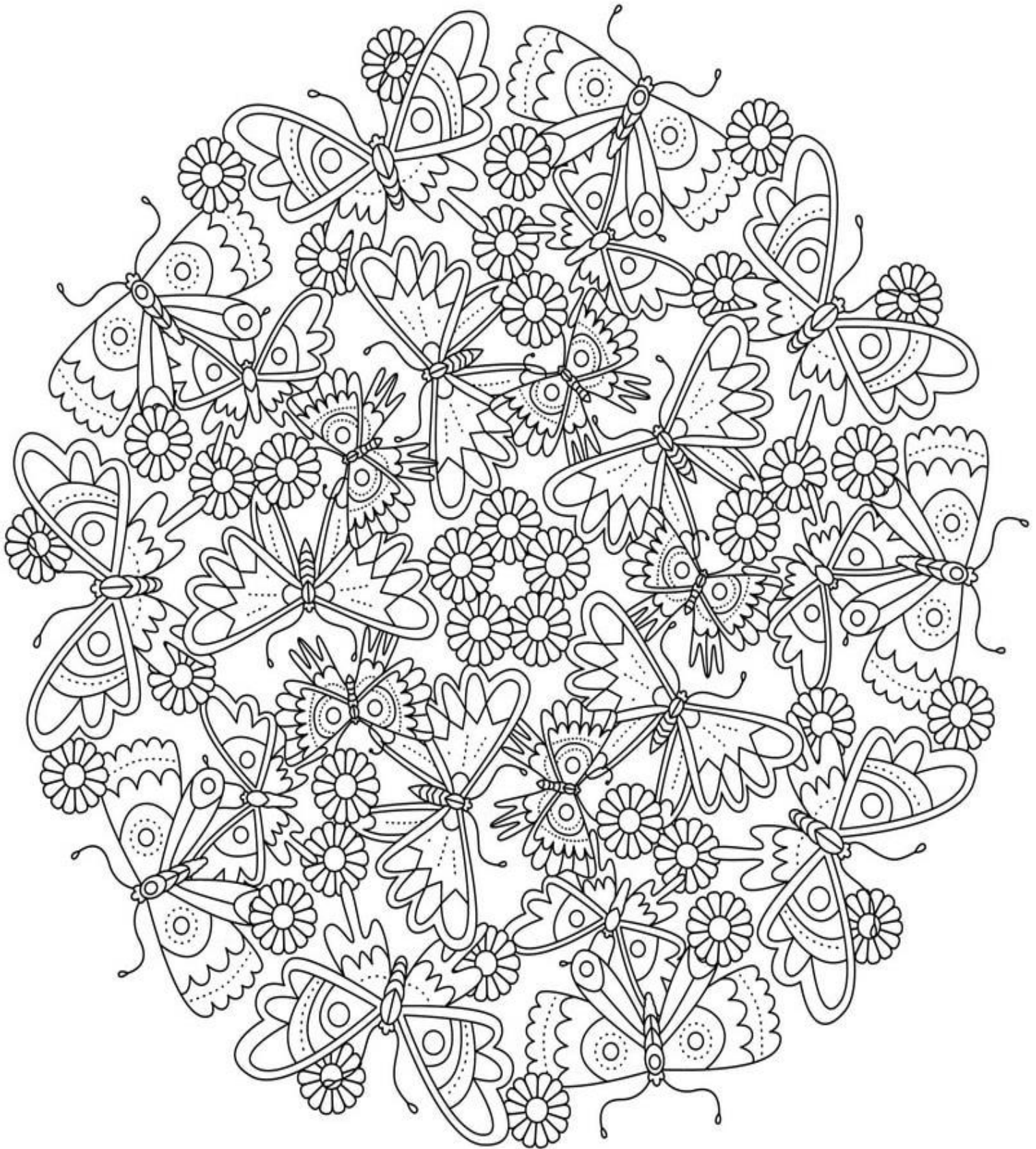
M A G \_ \_ L \_ A

P \_ P \_ \_





# Art for Relaxation



# Plant Riddles

I have a long stem.  
I have yellow petals..  
People eat my seeds.

What am I?

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I have thorns on my stem.  
My petals can be many colors.  
I smell very pretty.

What am I?

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I have flat leaves.  
I drop acorns.  
I am very tall.

What am I?

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I am green.  
People step on me.  
I get cut.

What am I?

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grass



oak tree



sunflower



rose

# REVOLVING LETTERS!

## Theme: Things That Are Green

A word is spelled out around each box. Find it by beginning with the correct first letter and moving either clockwise or counterclockwise around the box, using each letter only once. Write your answer in the box. The answer to box #1 is EMERALDS.

R E M  
A **EMERALDS** E  
L D S

A D O  
C S  
O V A

H C C  
I U  
N I Z

B R O  
I C  
L O C

D P O  
A L  
T S E

R D S  
A C  
L L O

B M U  
E C  
R C U

K S H  
C A  
O R M

S T E  
C K  
R I C



# Spring Crossword Puzzle



## Across

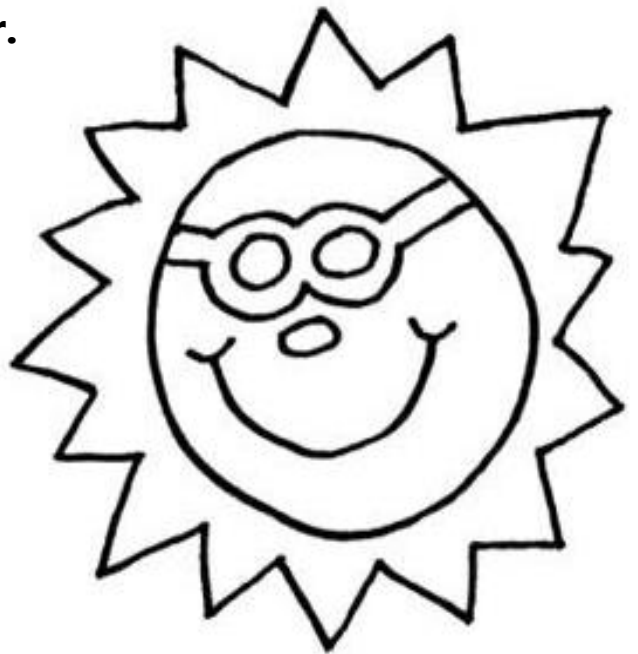
5. A spectrum of color in the sky when it rains.
7. A colorful plant with leaves and petals.
8. A circular device that keeps the rain off your head.
11. The month in which we celebrate moms.
12. A winged insect that comes in many colors.

## Down

1. One of the earliest birds to appear in spring.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ showers bring May flowers.
3. A sport played with a bat and ball.
4. The early bird gets the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The month in which spring starts.
9. When snow and ice turn into water.
10. The color of grass once it comes back to life.

Hint - The circled letters are the first letter.

# Summertime Anagram



Word List: baseball, camping, fan  
flower, frisbee, garden, hotdog,  
shorts, sun, swing

a f n

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a a b b e l l s

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b e e f i r s

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d g h o o t

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h o r s s t

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a c g i m n p

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e f l o r w

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a d e g n r

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g i n s w

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n s u

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**Q. What do plants do when they first meet each other?**

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A. THEY IN-TREE-DUCE THEMSELVES!



**Q. Why wouldn't one plant date the other?**

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A. THEY DIDN'T WANT NO SHRUBS!



**Q. Why do plants go to therapy?**

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A. TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THEIR PROBLEMS!



**Q. How do succulents confess their feelings?**

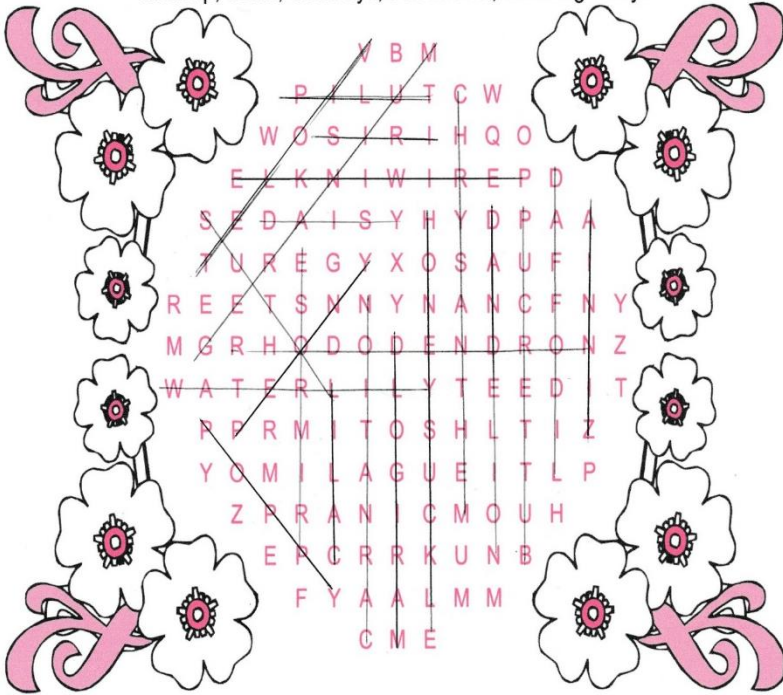
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A. "ALOE YOU SO MUCH!"





Can you find all of the flowers in the letters below?  
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Name the Flower

1. Rose
2. Fox Glove
3. Iris
4. Daisy
5. Gerbera
6. Wattle
7. Magnolia
8. Poppy

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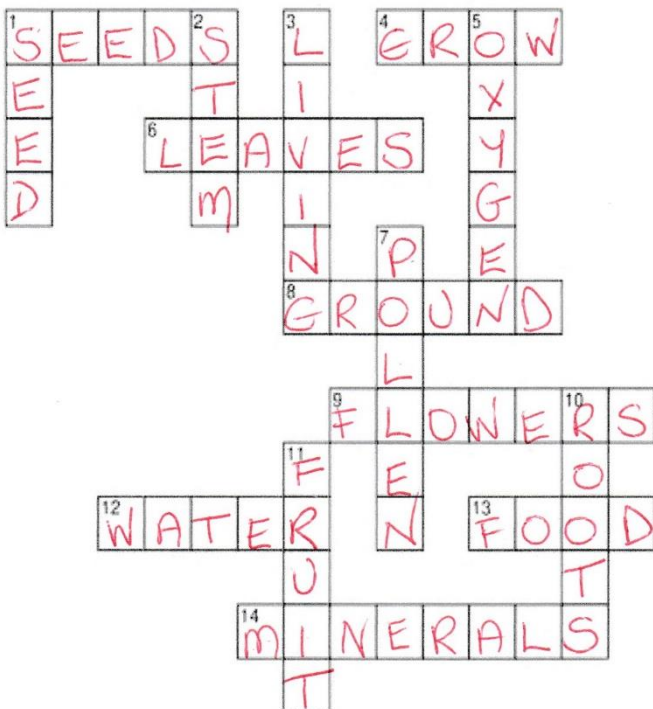
Rose

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Grass

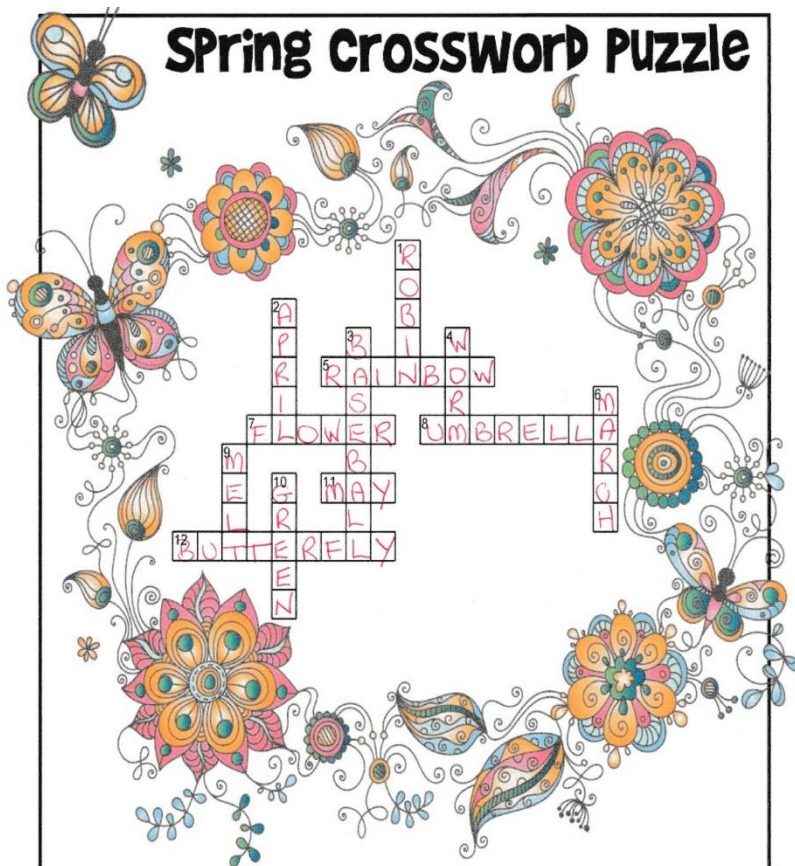
## Plants



R E M A D O H C C  
 A EMERALDS E C Avocado S I Zucchini U  
 L D S O V A N I Z

B R O D P O R D S  
 I Broccoli C A Tadpoles L A Collards C  
 L O C T S E L L O

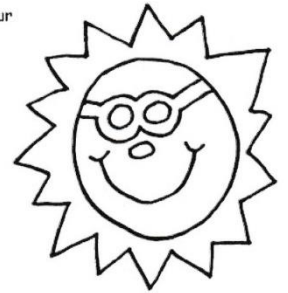
B M U K S H S T E  
 E Cucumber C C Shamrock A C Crickets K  
 R C U O R M R I C



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Summertime Anagram

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- a f n FAN
- a b b e l l s Baseball
- b e e f i r s frisbee
- d g h o o t Hot Dog
- h o r s s t Shorts
- a c g i m n p Camping
- e f l o r w Flower
- a d e g n r Garden
- g i n s w Swing
- n s u Sun