Glossaries

Some books have a list of words called a glossary at the back. A glossary tells you what words mean, like a little dictionary. Read this glossary from a book about plants.

- **flower**: a part of a plant where new seeds grow
- **leaf**: a part of a plant that grows on the stem
- **light**: something plants need to grow
- **root**: the part of a plant in the soil
- **seed**: can grow into a new plant
- **seedling**: a young plant
- **soil**: the earth that plants grow in
- **stem**: the main part of a plant
- **water**: something plants need to grow

Now use the glossary above to write about plants.

A young plant is called a ________________________________

What part of a plant is in the soil? ________________________________

What can grow into a new plant? ________________________________

Write two things that plants need to grow ________________________________

The words in a glossary are in alphabetical order. Mark the other things below that have lists in alphabetical order.

- class roster
- book index
- story book
- comic
- telephone book
- atlas
Discuss the features of nonfiction books with your child. Look at a variety of examples at home or in a library. Point out that a glossary is found at the back of a book and that it defines difficult words. Explain that the words are in alphabetical order.