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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



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What can grow into a new plant?

Write two things that plants need to grow

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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.