

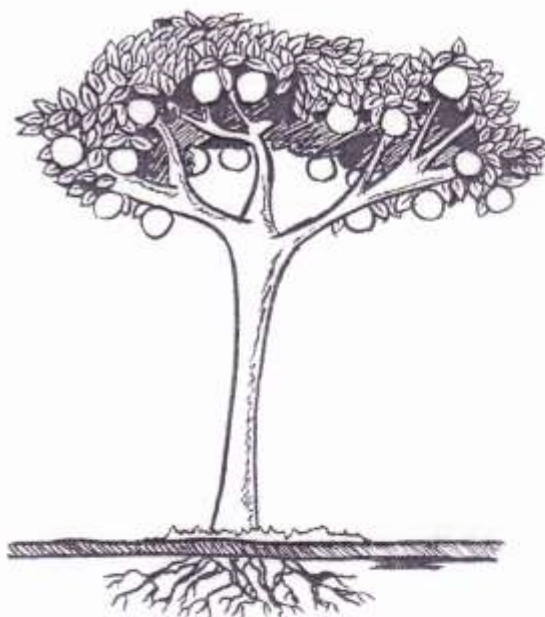
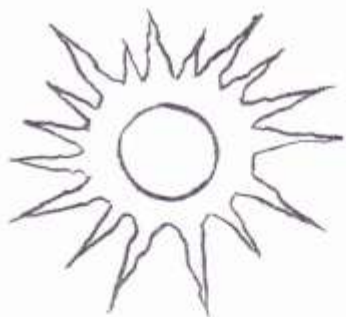
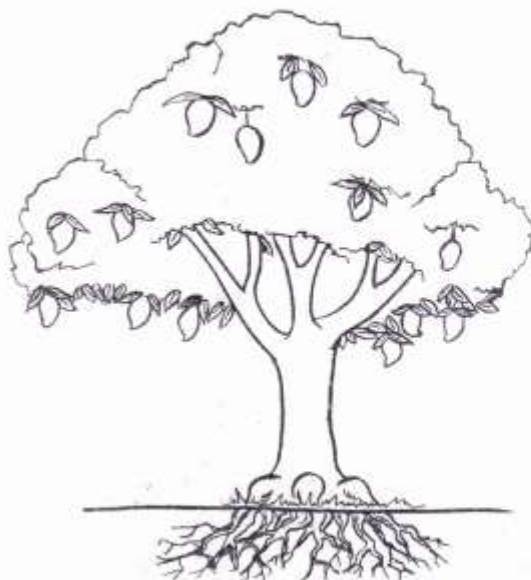
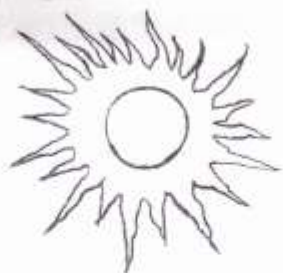
Questions

Ask these questions orally from students.

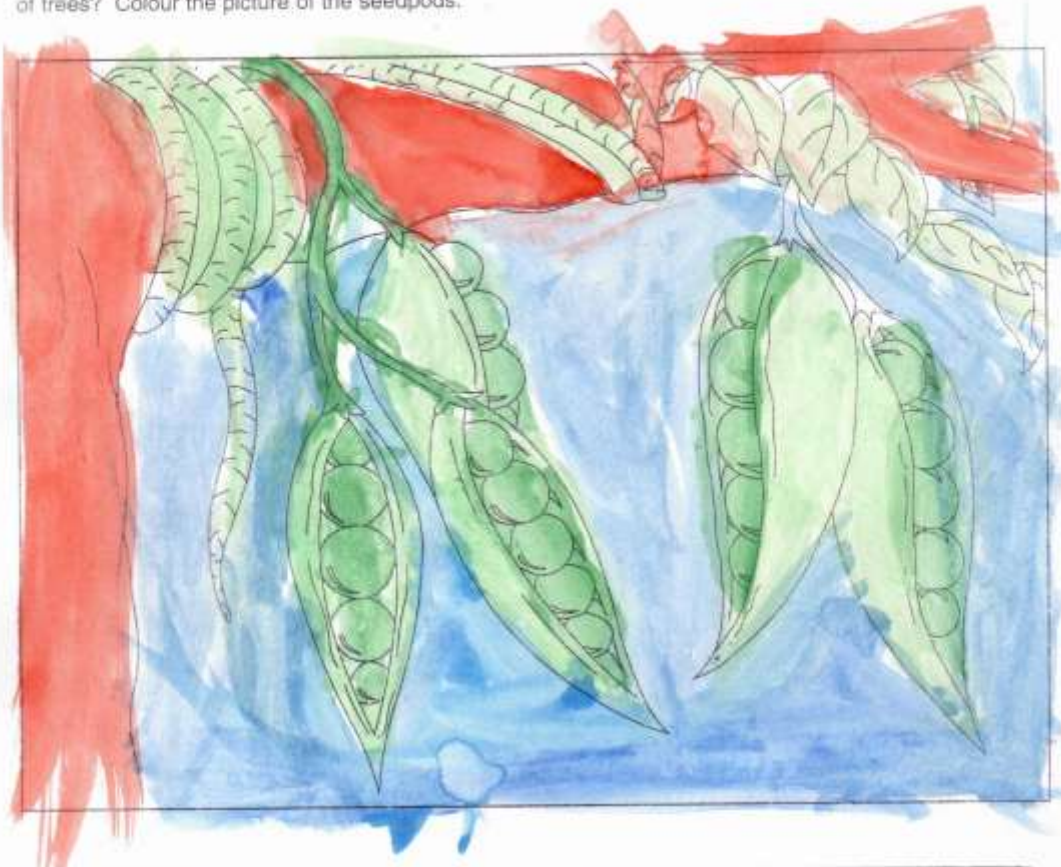
1. Does anyone know where leaves come from?
2. On the way to school today, did you see any trees?
3. Were some of those trees big?
4. Were some of those trees small?
5. Can you see some trees from your classroom windows?
6. Do the trees in your neighbourhood or the trees that you can see from your classroom windows look the same or do they look different?
7. Do most of the trees in your neighbourhood have leaves?
8. What colour are the leaves on the trees?
9. Are all the leaves on different trees exactly the same shade of green?
10. Are all the leaves on different trees of the same shape and size?
11. Do all trees have a trunk?
12. What does the trunk look like?
13. Are there trees that give fruits?
14. Do you know the names of some of the fruit trees?



Find the Similarities



This is the picture of a few seedpods on a branch. Have you ever seen seedpods on the branches of trees? Colour the picture of the seedpods.



Story Time

The Brave Little Seed - Part 1



Listen my bright children!
Always remember that in
your life you will have to
face many difficulties.

I want you to remember that difficulties are good
for you. Whatever happens to you is for your
own good and you must make use of every
single opportunity that comes your way.

But I don't
want to face
difficulties.

Why should
we make use
of the
opportunities
that come our
way?

The
opportunities
that come your
way will help
you develop
yourselves and
in the process,
you become
happier and
stronger beings.

I am going
to follow
your
advice,
big green
tree.

Very good, my child!

Even though
the difficulties
in life may
make you sad,
scared or
angry, you
should not run
away from
them, but face
them bravely.

Later that night...

Arrgh, why are we
moving so fast?
What's happening?

The next morning...

Hey,
where is
the big
green
tree?
What are
we doing
here?

We must have been blown down
here by the storm.

Look at
all the
dust
around
us. We
are all
going to
be buried
beneath
this dust!

Soon, the five seeds were covered by the dust.

It is so dark here! Hey look at those scary little creatures! Let's run away from here!

Yes, let's run away!



Wait! Have you forgotten what the big green tree taught us? Don't run away!



The other four seeds ran away and left the Seed 1 all by itself.

Sigh, I am all by myself. But I am not going to run away! I am going to see what opportunities are here for my growth.



To be continued...

Comprehension Questions

Ask these questions orally from students.

1. How many seeds were in the seedpod? Can you show me the number with your fingers?
2. In the beginning of the story, where were the seeds living?
3. Where did the five young seeds land when they were blown away by the wind?
4. The big green tree told the seeds that they had to face many challenges in life. The word challenge means something that is difficult or a problem that is hard to solve. Can you give me an example of a difficulty or challenge?
5. The big green tree told the seeds that whatever happened to them was for their own good and that they must make use of every opportunity in life to help them grow and develop. Those of you who have faced difficulties in life know that these difficulties help us learn new things. Can some of you share some of the nice things that you learnt when you solved some of your problems or challenges?
6. Four of the seeds ran away when they found themselves far from home and underground with the strange creatures. If we are afraid of problems, instead of solving them, we will run away from them. Can you name the quality that will enable us to face our problems or challenges bravely?
7. Why did one of the seeds decide to stay under the ground, instead of running away with the other seeds?

Activity

Draw the five seeds and their pod. Colour your drawing. Use a different colour for colouring the brave seed.

Memorization

"Persevere and never lose heart and courage."

Thematic Questions

Ask these questions orally from students.

1. Thomas Alva Edison was a great scientist who made many new things. One of the very important things that he made was the light bulb. Until then, people had no electricity in their homes and had no light bulbs. But to make the light bulb was not easy. The main challenge was to find a suitable element for the bulb that would enable it to glow and give light. Edison had to experiment with 2000 elements before he could find the right one.
 - How many times did Edison fail before he finally succeeded in making the light bulb?
 - Could Edison become a great scientist if he had given up after the 10th failure?
 - Edison had to face many challenges while making the light bulb. It requires a great deal of courage to face so many failures and not to give up. Do you think Edison was brave and courageous?
2. Some people have the habit of running away from tests and difficulties. Can such people become good scientists?
3. In order to become a good scientist, like Edison, you must not allow the challenges and difficulties

of life to make you sad or to discourage you. Every night, just before going to bed, spend a few minutes trying to think of some of the things that discouraged you or made you sad and come up with a plan of action that might help you face those challenges more courageously.

4. What did you learn from the story of the five seeds?
 - Did the Brave Little Seed (Seed 1) need to have courage in order to stay behind in the dust?
 - Should we give up easily when we face a difficult situation?
5. Like a good scientist, would you like to make new things for the betterment of the world?
6. Thomas Alva Edison made many new things. Is there anyone in your area who makes new tools or new techniques to help them with their work? If yes, observe their work and see what you can learn from what they do.
7. An **opportunity** is a special chance to do something, learn something or create something. Sometimes, opportunities look like they are difficulties. The big green tree advised the seeds that they must make use of every opportunity in life to grow and develop. Were all the five seeds presented with an opportunity? Did all the five seeds make use of this opportunity? Can you start looking for opportunities everyday?