Project glossary

bark A protective outer layer around the trunk and branches of a tree.
blade The large flat surface of a leaf.
blossom A small flower, or lots of small flowers, on a plant that can develop into fruit.
branch A part of a tree that grows out from the trunk.
bud A part of a plant that develops into a flower or leaf.
bulb A swollen stem that contains a tiny plant waiting to grow.
deciduous A tree that loses all its leaves in autumn and grows new ones in spring.
evergreen A tree that sheds old leaves and grows new leaves all year round.
flower A part of some plants. It has petals and produces seeds.
fruit A part of some plants that develops from flowers.





garden A piece of ground next to a building where plants are usually grown and looked after by people.
garden plant A type of plant that grows in a garden and is looked after by people.
hedgerow A row of shrubs and trees that grow close together.
leaf A plant part that makes food for the plant.
margin The edge of a leaf.
meadow A field where grasses and wildflowers grow.
petal A part of a flower that is often brightly coloured.
plant

root

A part of a plant that is usually underground. It holds the plant securely in the ground.

season

One of the four periods of the year, which are spring, summer, autumn and winter.





seed A small object that a plant makes to grow new plants.
shelter A place that gives protection from the weather or danger.
soil The material in which most plants grow.
stalk A thin stem that joins leaves, flowers or fruit to the stem of a plant.
stem A plant part that grows upwards towards the sunlight and supports the leaves and flowers.
tree A type of plant that has roots, a trunk, bark, branches, leaves and flowers.
trunk The stem of a tree.
vein Any one of the thin lines that can be seen on the surface of a leaf.
wild plant A type of plant that grows in places, such as hedgerows, meadows and roadsides. It is not looked after by people.
woodland An area of land that is covered with trees.





Scientific terms glossary

compare

To look at two or more things closely and see what is the same or different.

data

Collected information or facts, including numbers, words, measurements or observations.

describe

To say aloud or write down how something is done or what something is like.

diagram

A drawing with labels that shows the parts of something.

equipment

An object or objects that are needed for a particular purpose, such as a hand lens, ruler or thermometer.

observe

To watch or look at something carefully.

question

Something we ask using words like how, what, where, when, who and why.

record

To write down data, such as numbers, words, measurements or observations in different ways, such as lists, tables, charts or labelled diagrams.

research

To study a subject to discover new facts or information.



