

A photograph of a pond filled with large, vibrant green lily pads. Several pink flowers are in bloom, rising from the water. The background shows a reflection of the sky and trees in the water. The overall scene is lush and natural.

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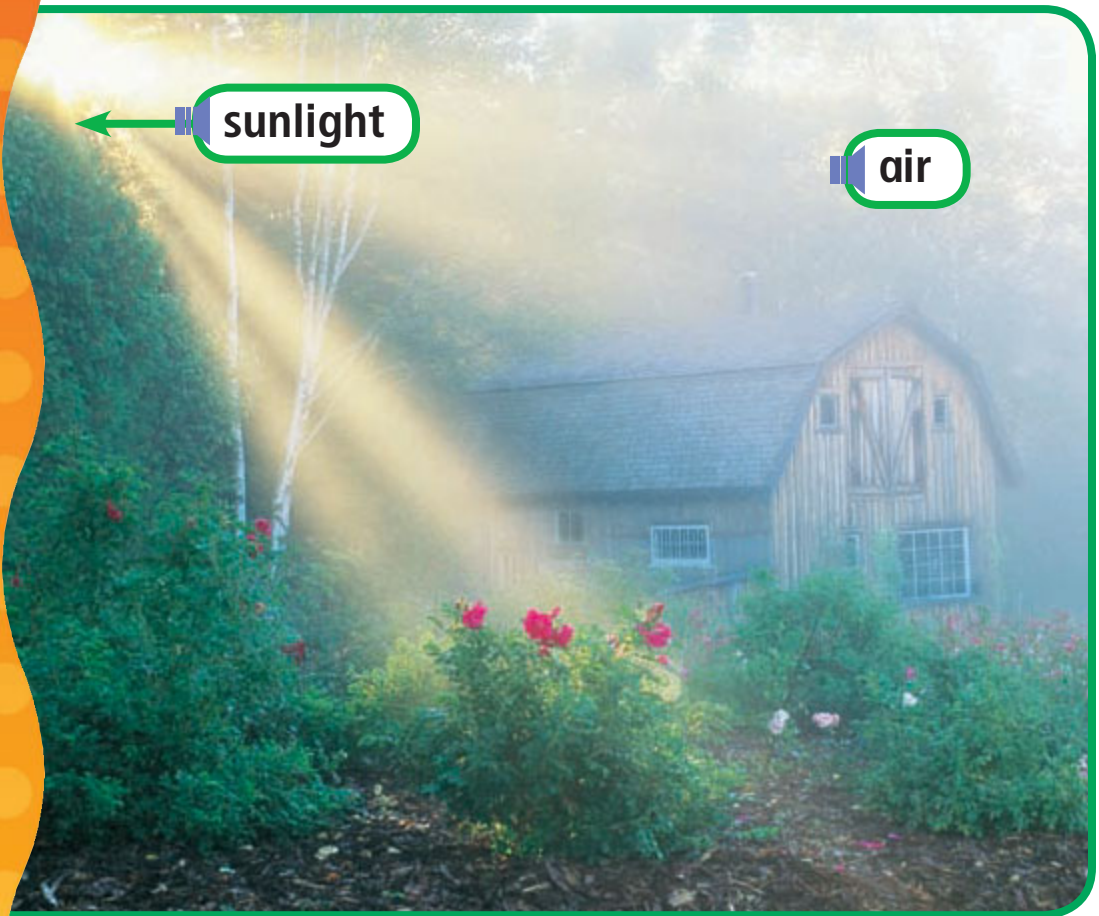
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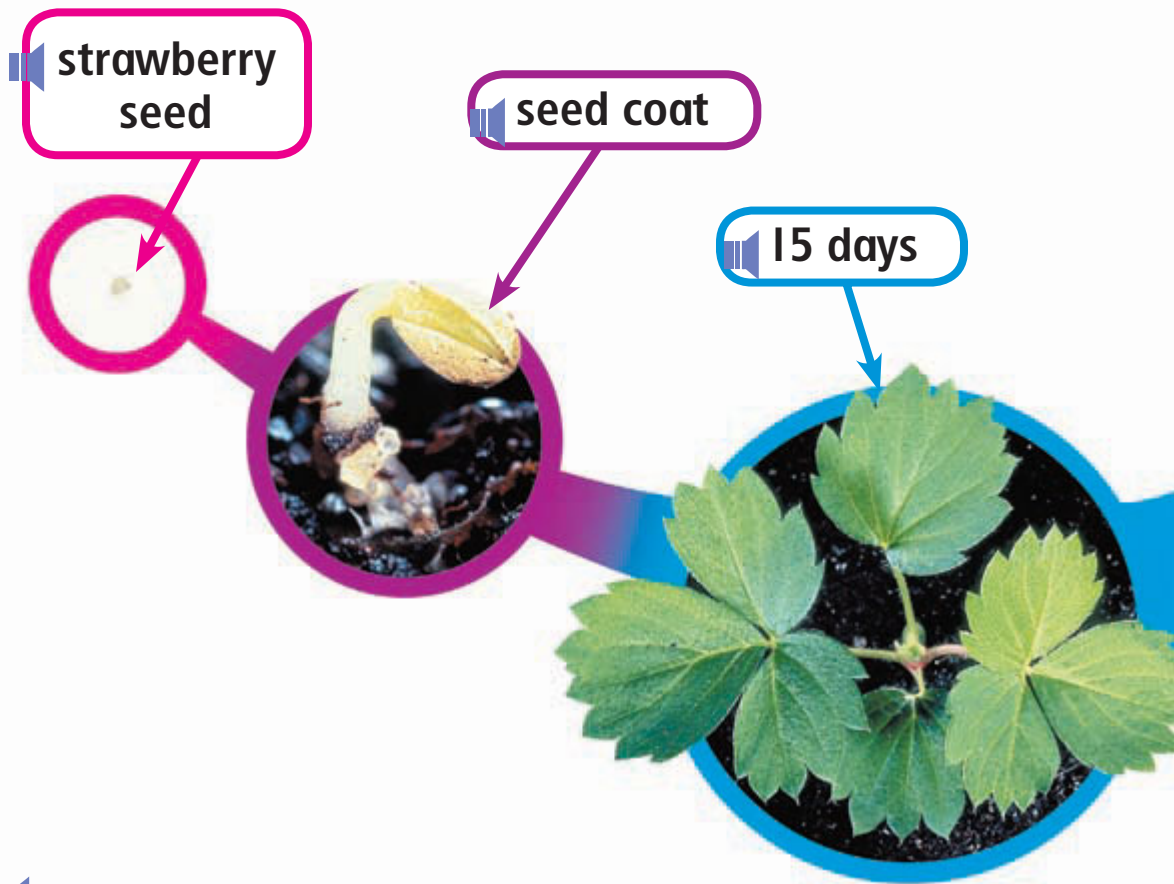
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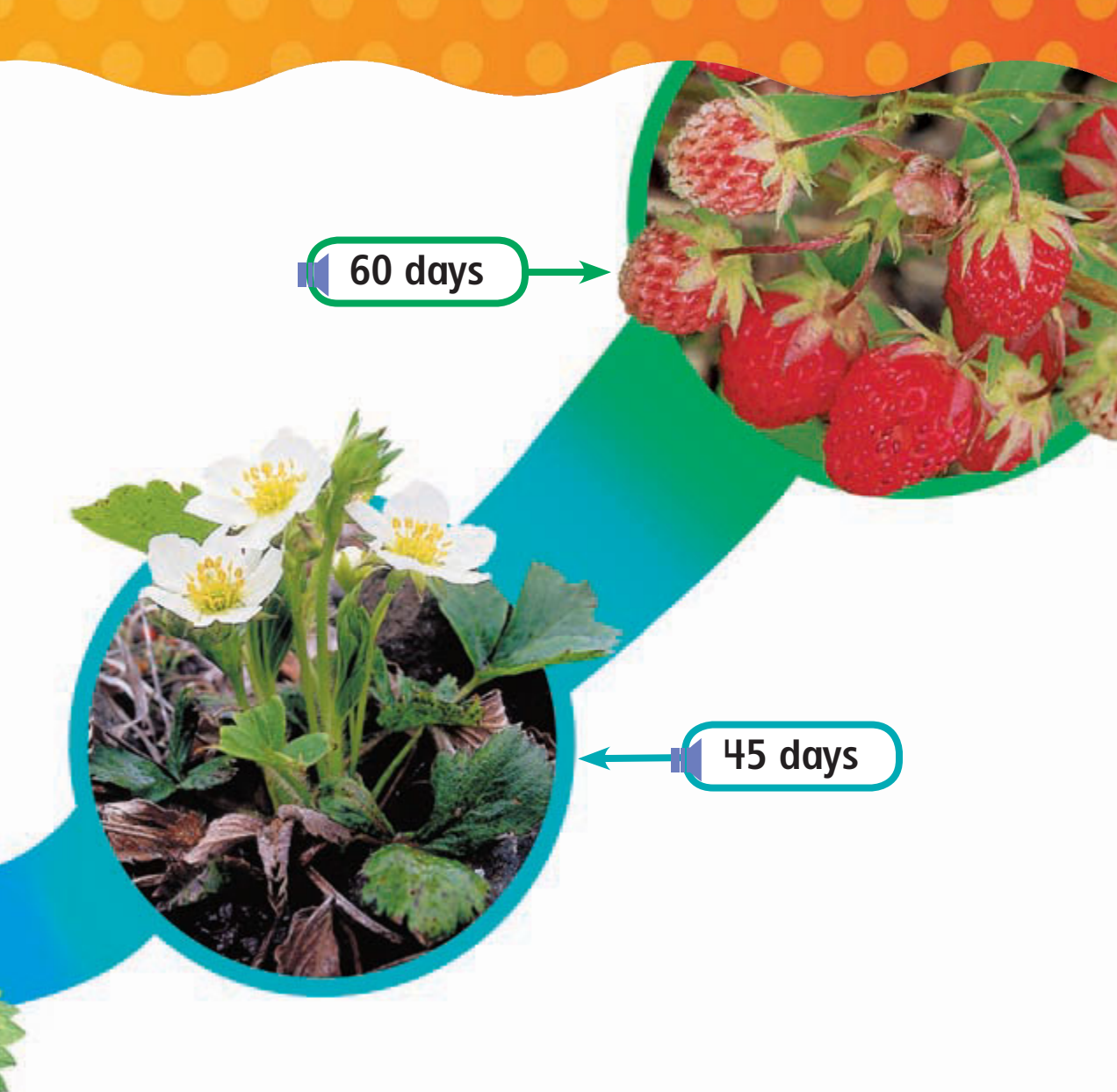
Plants need light and air to grow.



- ▶ Plants need water and soil.
- ▶ Plants use these things to grow.



- Most plants grow from seeds.
- A seed coat keeps the seed safe.



60 days

45 days

- Inside the seed is a tiny plant.
- It needs heat and water to grow.



roots



- ▶ Roots take in water and food.
- ▶ Roots help hold a plant in soil.



- Stems hold up the plant.
- Food and water move up stems.



leaf



- ▶ Leaves take in light and air.
- ▶ Leaves are many shapes and colors.



Hands-On Activity

Label Plant Parts Have your child draw a picture of a plant. Then help him or her label the parts of the plant.



School-Home Connection

Show Plant Needs Ask your child to draw a picture that shows what a plant needs to grow. Have your child label the picture with the words *light*, *water*, and *air*.

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