

# HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION

## Plants: Home and Outdoors

Do you have houseplants in your home? Can you figure out why they are called houseplants? How do houseplants get the things they need to live, such as water and nutrients?

Take a neighborhood field trip. Look for a plant that has all of the parts listed below. Check the appropriate squares to describe the plant. If you find a weed that is OK to dig or pull up, look at the roots, too. Ask an adult to help you.

**The plant:** Is the plant  tall or  short?

**Stems:** Are the stems  long or  short?

**Seeds:** Does the plant have  many or  few seeds?

**Flowers:** Does the plant have  big or  small flowers?

**Roots:** Does the plant have  one main root or  many roots?

**Leaves:** Are the leaves  big or  small?

**Others:** Is the plant  by itself or  with others of its kind?

Draw a picture below of any plant with as many details as you can. Label as many parts as you can.

**SAFETY NOTE:** Although most plants are harmless, some can cause allergic reactions. Examine your samples with care. Don't eat anything you collect, and wash your hands after handling the plants.