

# Caring for Plants

Chapter 3: Plants Around Us · Topic 2

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## Key Concept

Plants need regular watering to stay hydrated, but too much water can harm them, so we must water them in the right amount.

Sunlight helps plants make their own food through photosynthesis, so most plants need to be placed where they can get enough light each day.

Good soil provides nutrients for plants to grow, and sometimes we add fertiliser (natural or made) to help the soil provide even more nutrients.

Taking care of plants also means protecting them from pests (harmful insects) and removing weeds (unwanted plants) that compete with them for water and nutrients.

## Quick Revision Notes

- Plants need water, sunlight and good soil to grow.
- Too much water can harm a plant.
- Sunlight helps plants make food through photosynthesis.
- Good soil provides nutrients for plants.
- Fertiliser can help soil provide more nutrients.
- Pests are harmful insects that can hurt plants.
- Weeds compete with plants for water and nutrients.
- Caring for plants means protecting them from pests and weeds.

## Practice Questions

- 1 Water a plant and observe it over a few days.
- 2 Place a plant in sunlight and observe its growth.
- 3 Remove a weed from a garden or pot, with help.
- 4 Discuss why plants need good soil.
- 5 Draw a plant and show what it needs to grow.
- 6 Take care of a small plant for a week and note the changes.