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Language of Plants

Read about plant symbolism on the back of this page.

Match each photo of a plant to the meaning you think fits best.











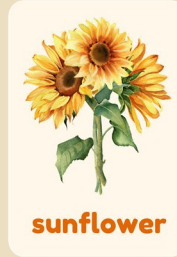




- A. Stands with deep roots and wide branches, carrying its strength quietly through every storm.
- B. Quiet wisdom offering a branch of hard earned peace.
- C. Turns its face towards the light, standing tall through every shadow.
- D. Blooms in clear white light, a brief, tender beginning before the petals fall.
- E. They curl their green secrets in the shade, guarding every new beginning.
- F. Stays green through every winter, holding on to long patient wisdom.
- G. Fragile blaze of love that is edged with hidden thorns.



Symbolic Plant Definitions



Plant symbolism is a way of using plants to represent ideas, emotions, or traits in stories and art. It helps readers notice deeper meanings behind the plants that appear in a scene, such as a fern suggesting hidden depths or an evergreen suggesting endurance.

On this worksheet, you will explore different symbolic plants:

- **Ferns** – sincerity, humility, magic/hidden things.
- **Conifers (evergreens)** – endurance, memory, steadfastness through seasons.
- **Olive** – peace, wisdom, and civilization.
- **Rose** – love, passion, secrecy.
- **Sunflower** – optimism, admiration, following the light.
- **Lily** – purity, renewal, mourning.
- **Clover** – luck, hope, faith.
- **Lavender** – calm, devotion, memory.
- **Oak** – strength, endurance, protection.





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Ancient Trees: Trees that Live for 1000 Years, by Anna Lewington

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