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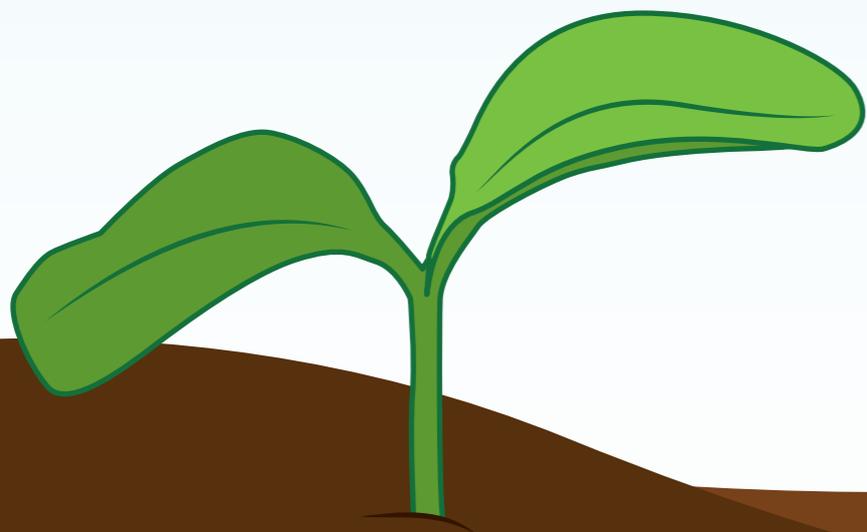
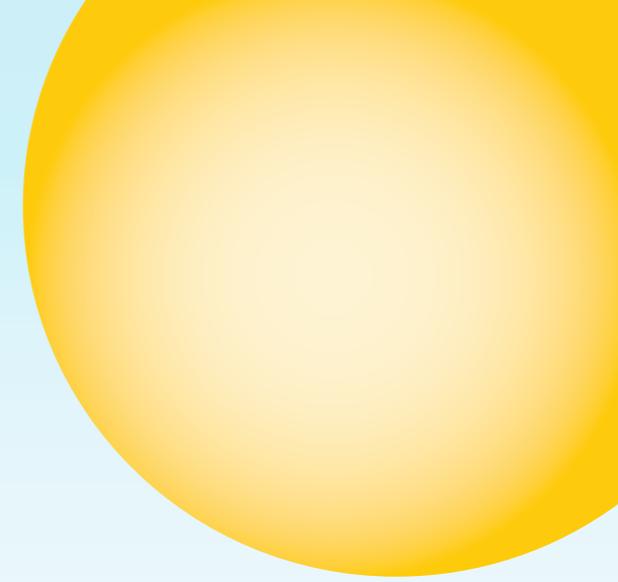
How does a pumpkin grow?

First, you plant a **little pumpkin seed**  
in the **nice, warm, brown dirt**.



**1** pumpkin seed

If the **little pumpkin seed** gets enough sun and water, it **sprouts** up out of the ground.



**2** sprout

If the **little sprout**  
gets enough sun and water,  
it grows into a **pumpkin plant**.



**3** plant

If the pumpkin plant  
gets enough sun and water,  
it grows into a pumpkin vine  
with **orangey-yellow flowers**.



**4** vine with flowers

If the pumpkin vine  
with **orangey-yellow flowers**  
gets enough sun and water,  
**little green pumpkins** start to grow.



**5** little green pumpkins

If the little green pumpkins  
get enough sun and water,  
they grow into  
**big orange pumpkins,**  
ready for you to pick.



**6** big orange pumpkins



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