

Growing seeds



There are many kinds of **seeds** of different shapes, colour and sizes.



Some seeds are inside a **berry** or a **pod** and you have to open and take them out.



Bulbs are usually bigger than seeds.



Make a **seed tray**. Find a shallow plastic container like the one in the picture. Poke some small holes in the bottom. Fill the container with **potting compost**. If you're buying it make sure the compost **does not have peat** in it.



Use a pencil to make holes in the soil for your seeds and bulbs. Make the holes only as deep as the size of your seeds or bulbs.



If your seeds are tiny, scatter them on top of the soil. Keep the container damp, but not wet or your seeds will rot.



If you can, use a seed tray with separate spaces. This makes it easier later to move the young plants into bigger pots.



The seeds sprout into baby plants – we call these **seedlings**. Let your seedlings grow to about 3cm and then you can transplant them.



Fill a pot with soil. Make a hole in the middle where your seedling will go.



Scoop out a seedling with an old teaspoon. Careful not to damage the thin root!



Pop the seedling in its new pot and gently cover the hole. Take care not to crush the delicate seedling.



Water your new seedling but not too much. Remember, its roots are still small and cannot take up a lot of water. Keep the soil damp, not wet.