





Organisms are affected by their **environments**, or all the living and nonliving things around it. Seeds require certain conditions to germinate.

Form a question Ask a question that you can investigate about how environments can affect plants.

Did you know?

A drought-tolerant plant is a plant that can survive on very little water. O Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company





POSSIBLE MATERIALS

permanent marker

soil

plastic zip bag



Make a plan Select an environmental condition—wet or dry—to investigate. Write it in the space below.



in a damp paper towel or a dry paper towel, and place it in a plastic zip bag. Write your name on the bag with a permanent marker.

Organize data Decide what data you will collect.
Observe your bean every few days. Make a data table and record your results in the space below.



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Analyze data Compare your results with the rest of the class. Then, write a cause-and-effect statement that summarizes your findings.



Make a **claim** about how the environment you selected affected the growth of the lima bean plant. Support your claim with **evidence** from your investigation and explain your **reasoning**.





Making Sense

How does the evidence you gathered in this investigation help you begin to understand the cause-and-effect relationship between the two groups of flamingos and their environments? © Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company • Image Credits: ©Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

