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Fact Card #1

Giant Redwood trees in California are the tallest trees in the world. They can grow to be over 112 meters (370 feet) tall.

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Fact Card #2

Bristlecone Pine trees are the oldest trees in the world. One Bristlecone Pine tree in California is over 4,700 years old!

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Fact Card #3

Chlorophyll is the substance in plants that makes the leaves green. Plants use chlorophyll to make food and oxygen.

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Fact Card #4

Bamboo is one of the fastest growing plants in the world. It can grow over 1 meter (about 3 feet) in a single day.

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Fact Card #5

A Venus Fly Trap is one of the only plants that can eat animals! When a fly or other small animal lands on its mouth, the Venus Fly Trap snaps shut and eats it! Venus Fly traps can eat flies, beetles, butterflies, caterpillars, and even frogs!

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Fact Card #6

Plants are able to make their own food in their leaves.

The type of food they make is sugar.

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Fact Card #7

A plant uses its roots to soak up vitamins and minerals. It also stores food in its roots.

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Fact Card #8

There are about 800 kernels on an ear of corn. Each kernel is a seed that can produce a new corn plant.

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Fact Card #9

Bananas grow on tall plants, not trees. They are the largest plants in the world that do not have wooden stems.

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Fact Card #10

Cactus stems are usually very thick, because they store water inside.

Cactus roots are usually very long, so they can find water over a large area.

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Fact Card #11

A sunflower will always point towards the sun. It will even move as the sun moves across the sky!

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Fact Card #12

Flowers produce seeds for a plant. Seeds usually appear in the center of a flower, when the flower's petals fall off.

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Fact Card #13

Some plants (like Ferns) don't have seeds. They have spores on the back of their leaves. Spores fall off the leaf and make a new plant.

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Fact Card #14

There are over 375,000 known species of plants on Earth.

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Fact Card #15

People and animals need a type of gas called oxygen to stay alive. Oxygen is made by plants!

Plants need a gas called carbon dioxide (made by people and animals) to stay alive.

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Fact Card #16

The coconut is the largest seed in the world.

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Fact Card #17

Strawberries are the only fruits with the seeds on the outside.

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Fact Card #18

Wild fig trees in South Africa have roots that are almost 120 meters (about 400 feet) deep in the ground.