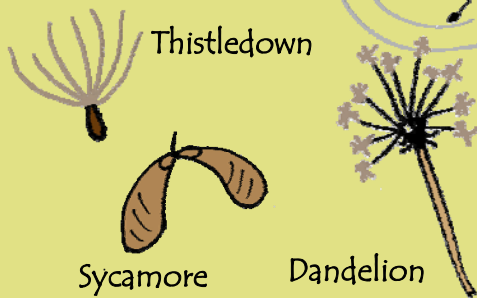


Special Feature

How Seeds Travel

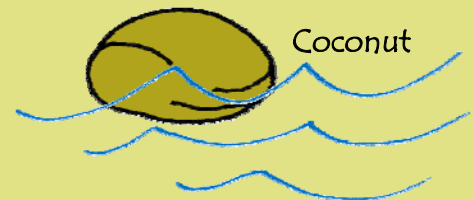
Wind

Some seeds are so light that the wind will carry them through the air.



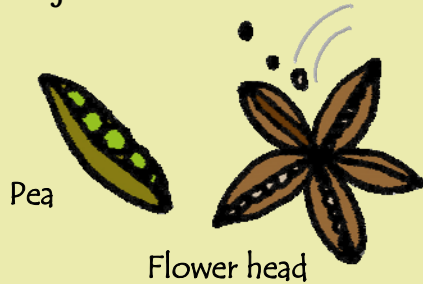
Water

Some seeds can float and if they find their way to a stream or river or the sea can move considerable distances



Bursting

Some seeds are produced in seed pods that will eventually explode, propelling the seeds into the air.



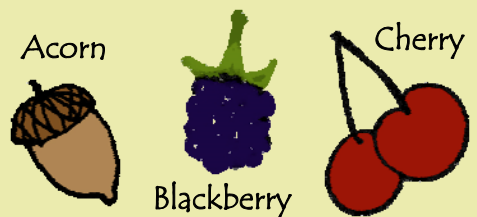
In order to reproduce, plants produce seeds and these seeds must find a new place to grow. Different seeds have different ways of moving or being moved.

Look at each seed and think about that features they have that helps them move the way they do.

Would any seeds fit into more than one category?

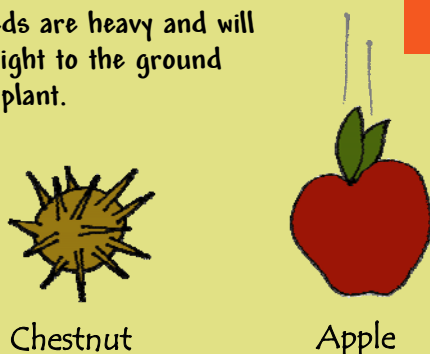
Collecting & Consuming

Some plants produce seeds inside tasty flesh, which are consumed and dispelled in animal droppings. Others, such as nuts, are collected by animals for eating later on but may be forgotten.



Drop

Some seeds are heavy and will drop straight to the ground from the plant.



Clinging

Some seeds are covered in spines or tiny hooks which, when animals brush by them, will catch on to their fur or body.



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