



- reading comprehension

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The Fascinating Venus Flytrap

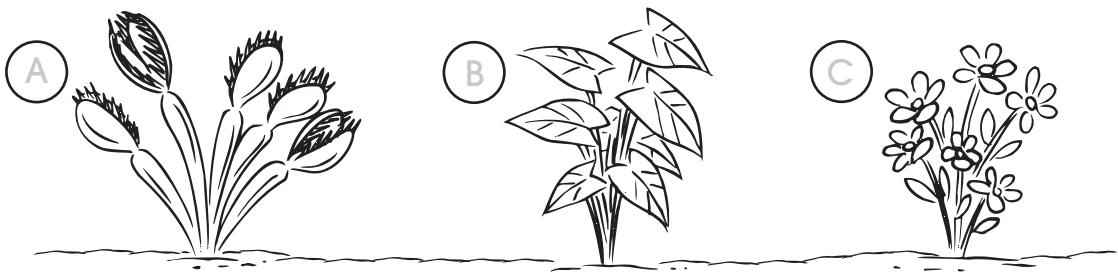
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A. Check the Venus Flytrap.



B. Find words from the passage that have opposite meanings to the words below.

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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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2. Each leaf of the Venus Flytrap has _____ sections.
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4. These hairs are short and _____ .
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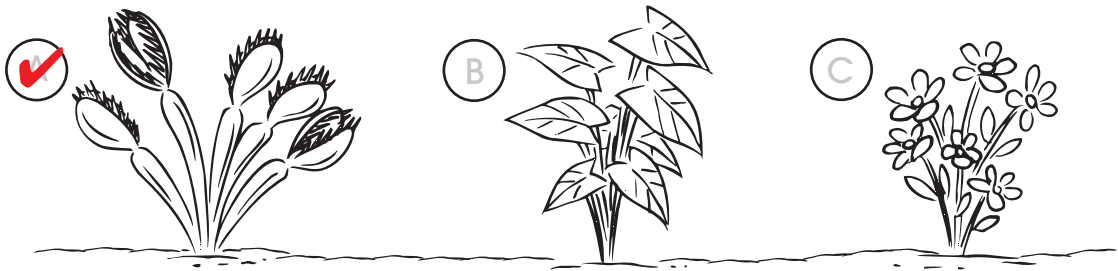
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