

What grows first?

A tiny bean.
A slow surprise.



GUESS BEFORE YOU SWIPE

Root or shoot?

Before we begin, make a guess.
Which will appear first?

Point to your prediction.



LET'S TRY IT

A little look. Every day.

Gina checks her bean in damp paper.
At first, no root is showing.

Keep the paper damp, not flooded.



LOOK AGAIN

A root comes first.

Days later, a pale root appears.
The shoot will follow.

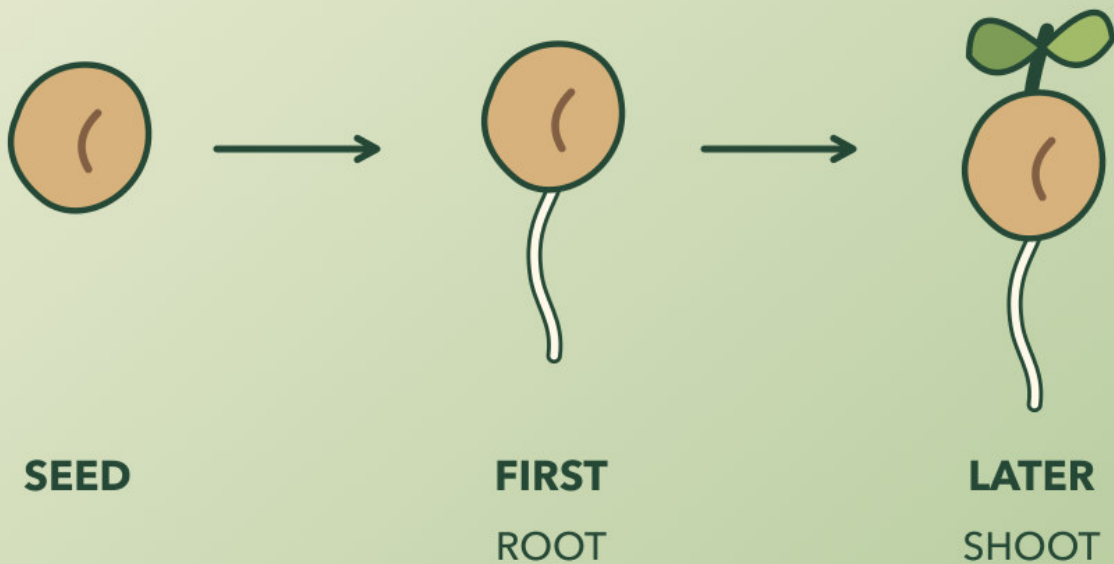
Your bean may take longer.



THE PART TO REMEMBER

First a root. Then a shoot.

The root takes in water.
The shoot grows toward the light.



Simplified growth sequence

Growing takes time.

TRY IT TOGETHER

Watch a bean wake.

With an adult: a whole dried bean, clear plastic cup, paper towel and water.

- 1 Adult tucks the bean between damp paper and the open cup wall.
- 2 Keep warm, bright and damp. Avoid hot direct sun.
- 3 Look daily. Draw the first root. Keep watching for a shoot.



Draw one thing you notice each day.

Adult handles the bean. No tasting.
Keep out of little ones' reach; wash hands.

KEEP EXPLORING TOGETHER

Small seed. Big story.

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