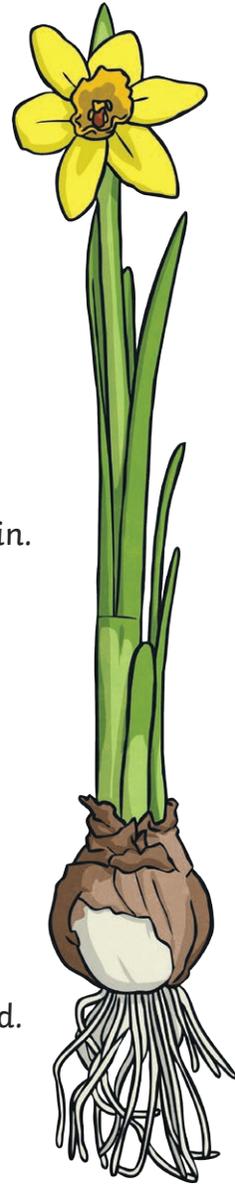


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- 75** Leaves appear as if overnight,  
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- 88** Once fully grown, a flower is spotted,  
With seeds inside and petals dotted.
- 101** Flowers - pink, blue and red,  
Now have seeds they need to spread.
- 118** Blown by the wind; carried by a bird,  
Caught on fur; this is how they are dispersed.
- 130** No matter how, no matter when,  
The cycle will now start again.

# Quick Questions



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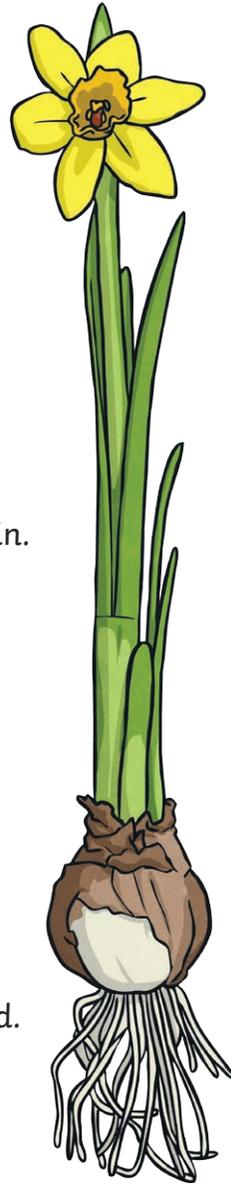
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# Answers



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**Accept any reasonable summary which includes the main stages of the flower life cycle and is 20 words or less in length.**



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