

National Geographic Kids Reader: Seed to plant

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book, look at the front cover and talk about the sunflower, asking your child if they can name any of its parts. Talk about any experiences of planting or growing flowers or vegetables that your child has had, or show them some seeds and talk about what might happen to them when they are planted.
- Show your child how to use the special information book features in this book, like the contents and picture glossary. Look at the picture glossary together to learn the new words and then look for them as you read the book together.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
 - Read the book together, enjoying finding out about how plants grow from seeds.
 - Help children with any unfamiliar words. Encourage them to use phonics, existing word knowledge and the pictures to try to work the word out. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word, e.g. *tangerine tree*, *orchid*, *maple tree pod*, *dandelion*.
 - Encourage them to look carefully at the pictures and labels and to talk about what they can see.
 - Have fun reading the jokes together.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement as they tackle new words.
- Discuss what plants need to survive. Help your child to find the pages that explain this and reread them together.

Pronunciation guide: tangerine (*tan-ger-eeen*), orchid (*or-kid*)