

Seed Dispersal Fact Sheet

When the **seeds** have grown, the plant needs to **disperse** them so that they can grow into **new plants**. The seeds need to be dispersed away from the **parent plant** so that the **new plant** has all the different things that it needs to **grow**.

The seeds can be **dispersed** in a number of different ways.



explosion

Some plants **explode**, causing the **seeds** to scatter over a larger area. The **poppy** is an example of a plant that does this.



water

Some plants that grow near **water** have seeds that will **float**. The seeds then float until they are washed up on **land** again. The **coconut** is an example.



animals

Some **animals** eat the fruit of a plant that contains the **seeds**. When the animals **excrete** the waste (poo!), they also get rid of the **seeds**, leaving them in a new place to **grow**.



wind

Some plants use the **wind** to disperse their **seeds**. These seeds are usually **light and easy** to blow away.

New Word Alert!

disperse – to spread over a wide area
synonyms for disperse – spread, scatter, distribute

