

# Life Cycles

*Where do the seeds we plant come from?*

**We can buy seeds** at a store but where do stores get seeds to sell?

**Flowers help a plant make seeds.** Some people grow flowers as their job. When the flowers die, they collect the seeds and put some in packets to sell to the stores. The growers also save some seeds to grow more flowers to make more seeds...

**Vegetables grow this way, too.** The tomato you eat came from a plant started from seed. Look inside a tomato. You will see a lot of seeds. If you watch a tomato plant grow, you will see little yellow flowers growing on the plant before the tomato grows.

**Question!** Do you think a tomato can grow from a seed that came from a marigold flower?



**A cycle is a circle or wheel.** If you move your finger around a circle it will always come back to where you started.

**In a *life cycle*,** life starts and things grow, they change and they end. This happens in a way that makes sure a new life will start and do the same thing again and again.

**Where is the beginning in a cycle?** Where is the end? If seeds come from flowers and flowers grow from seeds, which came first? Does this remind you of another old question?

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