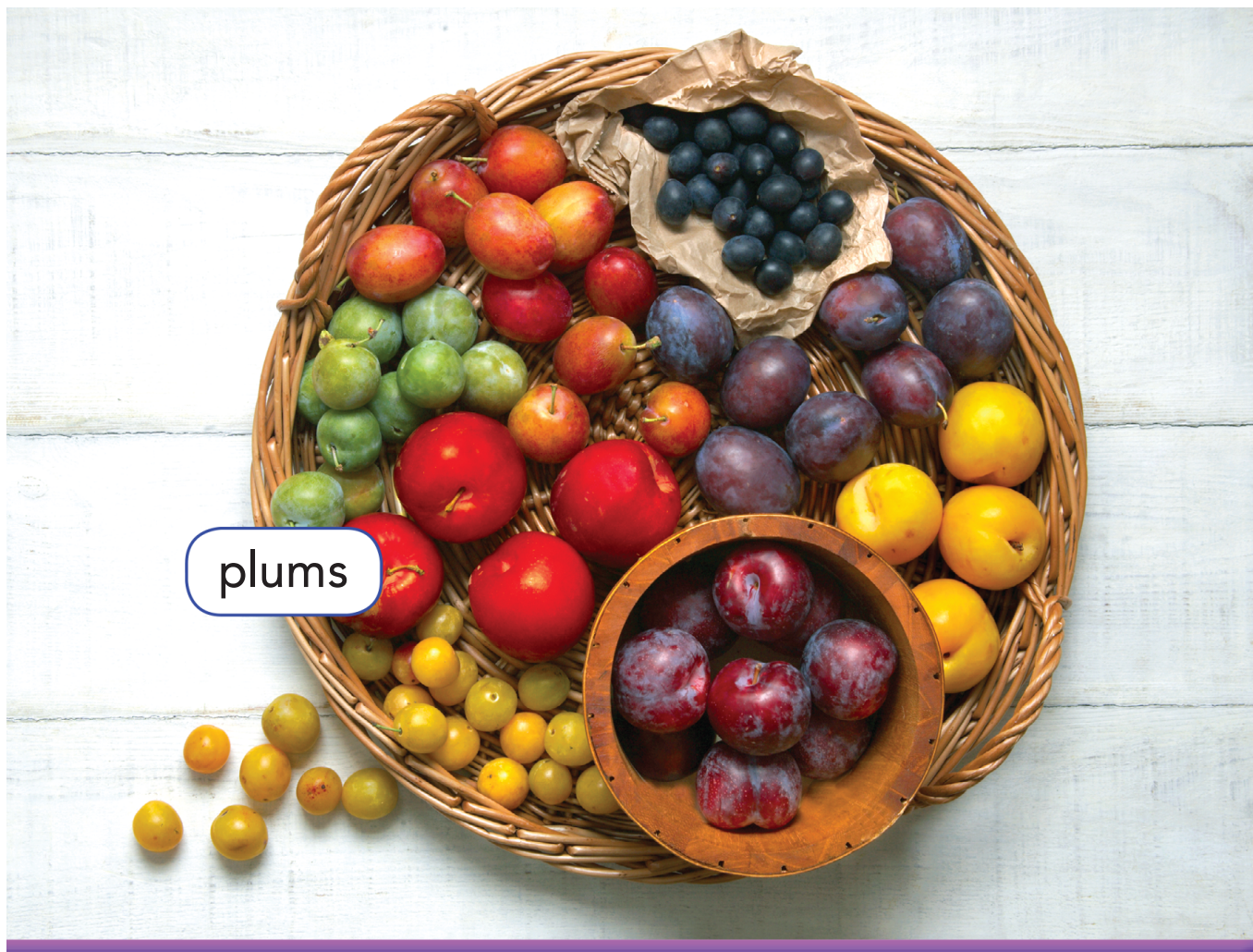


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Plums

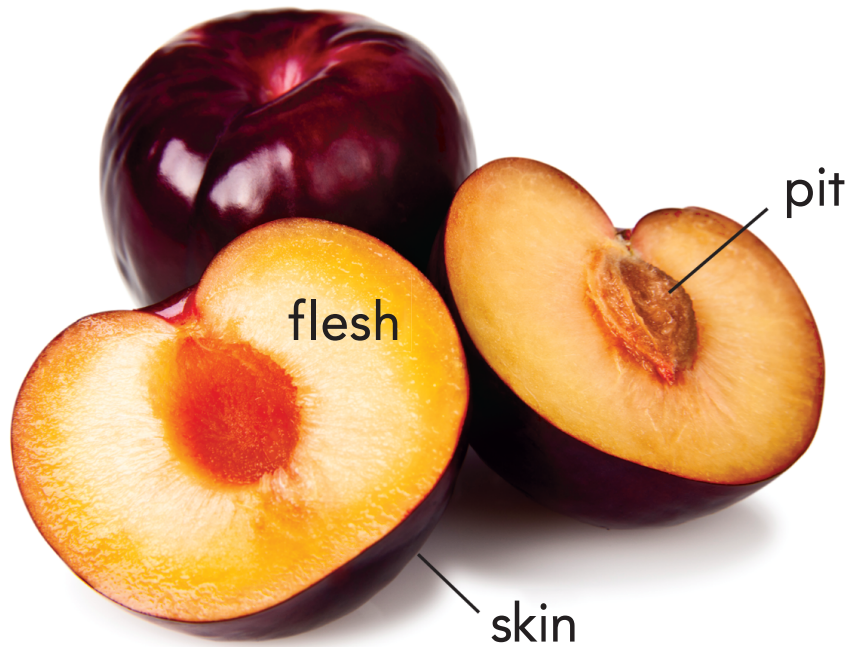
A plum is a fruit.

Plums are green, yellow, purple, or red.

Some **kinds** of plums are small.

Others kinds are very big.

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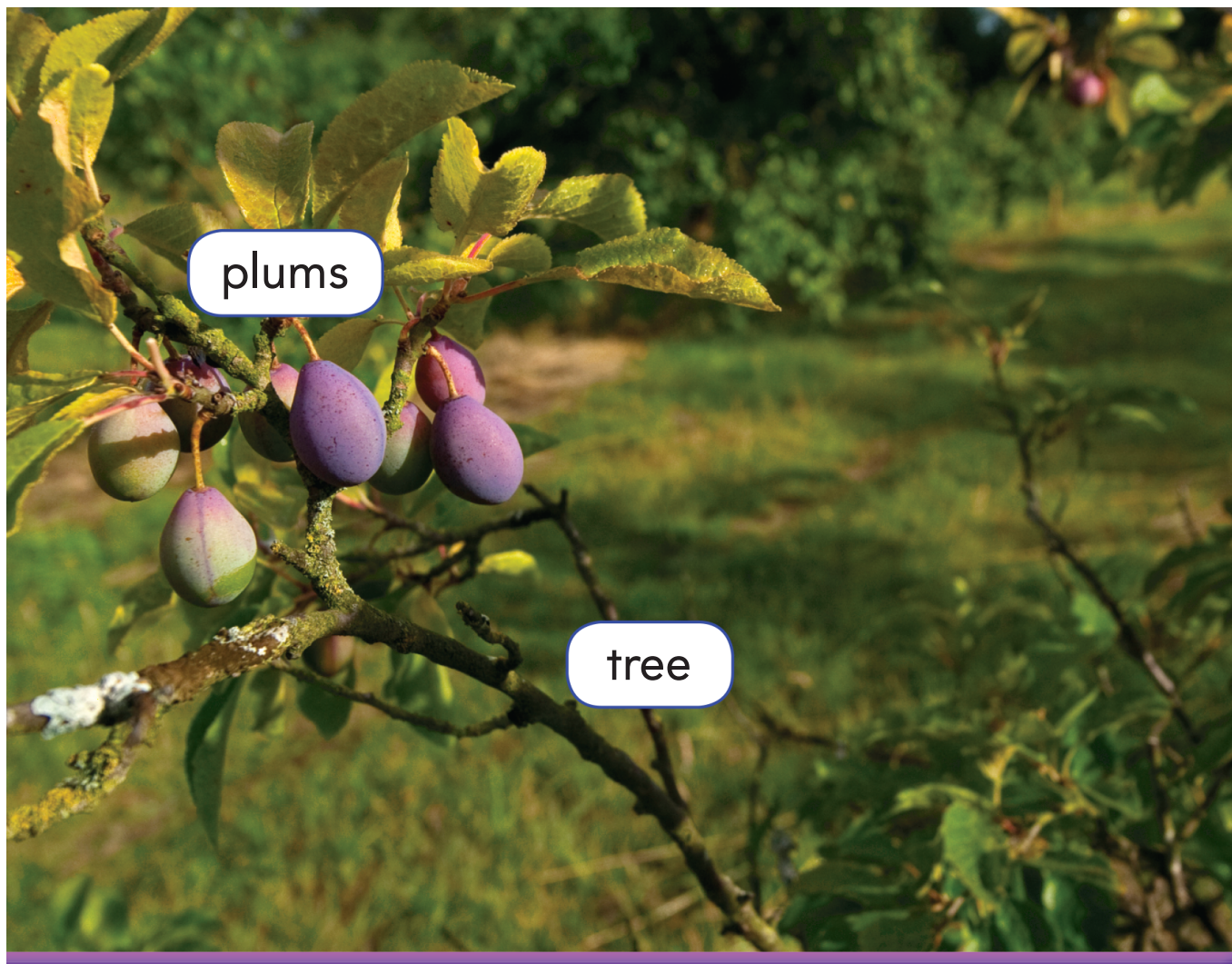
The outside part of a plum is called skin.

The skin **covers** the inside of the plum.

The inside of a plum is called flesh.

The pit is in the middle of the plum.

A seed is inside the pit.



Where Plums Grow

Plums grow on plum trees!

Plum trees grow in the **country**.

Plum trees grow
in other places, too.

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How a Plum Tree Grows

A plum tree can grow from a seed.

First, the seed is covered with **soil**.

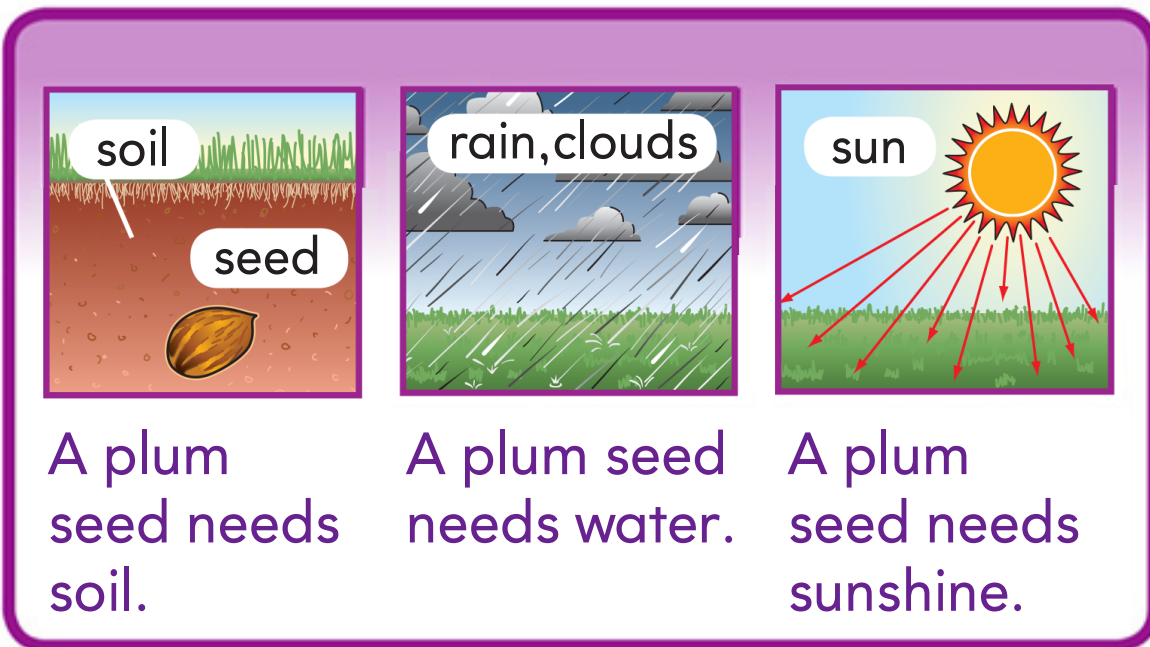
Then the plum seed needs water.

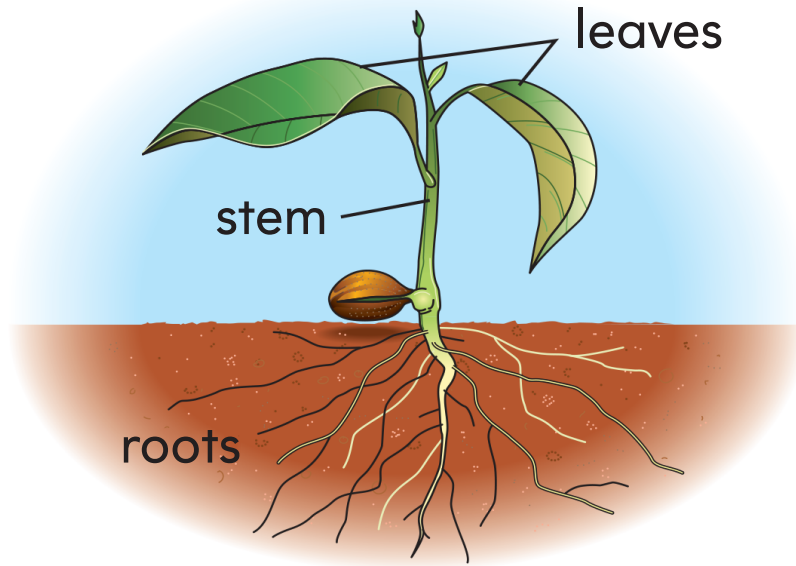
Water helps the seed grow.

The seed needs sunshine, too.

The sun **warms** the soil.

It helps the seed grow.





The plum seed starts to grow.

Now it is a seedling.

The seedling has a stem
and leaves.

The seedling has roots, too.

The roots help the seedling grow.

The roots get water and food
from the **earth**.

The roots are **almost** like straws!



The seedling grows.
The stem gets hard.
The seedling grows
more leaves, too.
Now the seedling is a sapling.
It keeps growing and growing!



tree

Now the sapling is a tree!

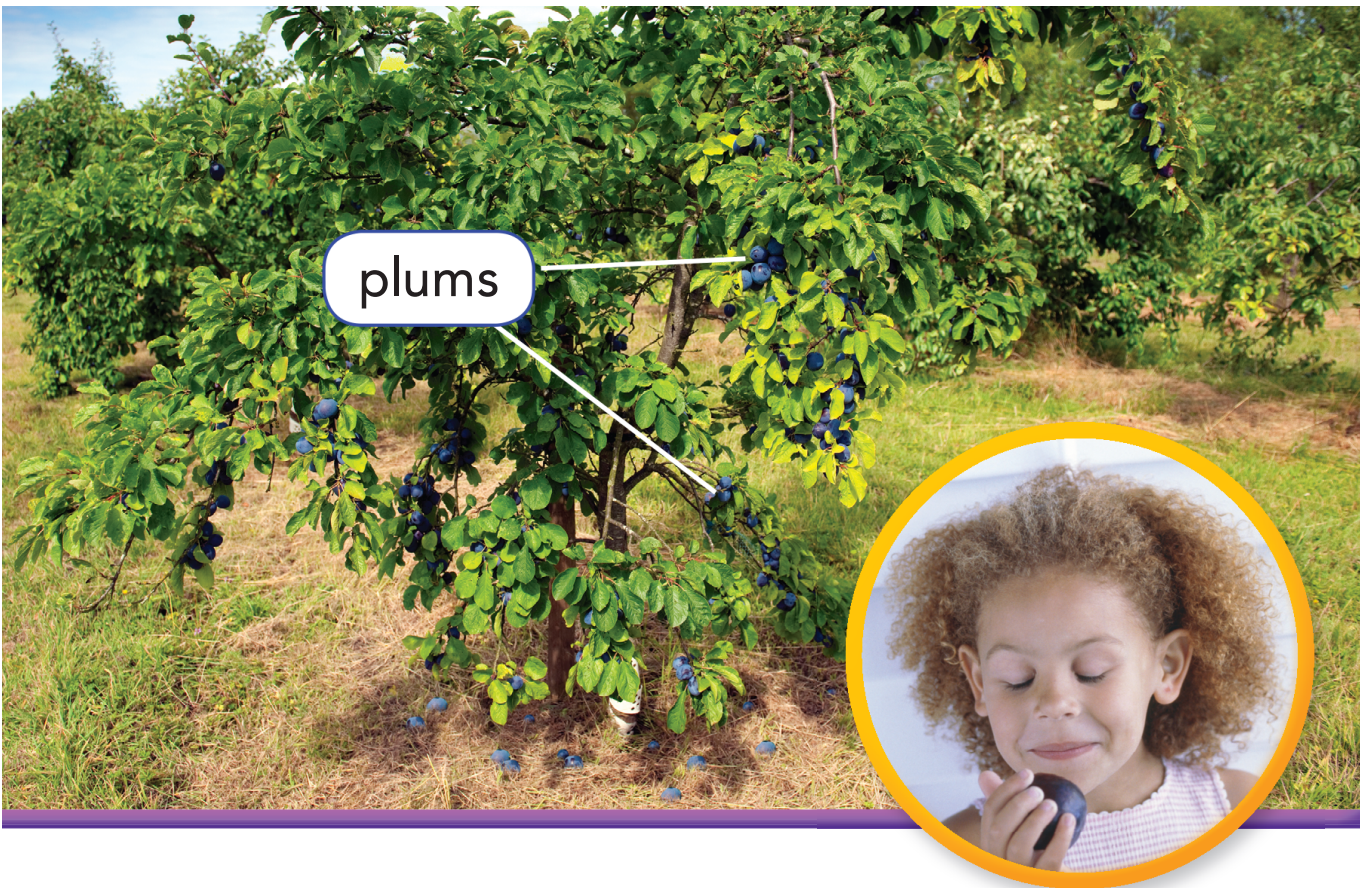
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Flowers on the Tree

The plum tree has many flowers in the spring.

Some of the flowers will be plums soon!



Plums to Eat

The tree has many plums
in the summer.

The plums look **ready** to eat.

They will fall off the tree.

The plum seeds will get
into the earth.

Then new plum trees will grow.