

## BUNNY LEARNS ABOUT PLANTS

in a corner near her bed. She watered the plant every day, and also gave it lots of chocolates and biscuits to eat. But after two days, the plant wilted,

Bunny was in tears. When Sunny and Mittu saw that she was so unhappy, they asked her what the matter was. She showed them the plant. Sunny and Mittu smiled and carried the plant into the garden.

Then Sunny explained, "Bunny, plants make their own food! They do not need chocolates. They need lots of sunshine, water to make their food,"

"Do plants really make their own food?" asked Mittu, surprised.

"Yea Plants use energy from sunlight, carbon dioxide from the air, and water and minerals from the soil to make their food. Along with this, they produce oxygen, the gas we



It was Bunny's birthday. She liked roses a lot. So, Sunny and Mittu got her a beautiful pink rose plant as a present,

Bunny liked the plant so much that she took it into her bedroom and kept



breathe in. They use their food for energy, and give out oxygen into the air," Sunny explained.

"And we breath oxygen to live" said Mittu, "That is why our teacher told us to plant more trees,"

"Yes! Plants make glucose in their leaves," continued Sunny. "The leaves receive light from the sun, to make their food. If you keep the plants in dark places, they would not be able to make their food, And thus, they starve. Without energy, a plant will die". "So, we should always keep plants in the sunlight, and water them well for them to grow," said Mittu.

"I am so sorry, dear plant," said Bunny sadly. She left the plant in the garden with many other plants, After a week, two beautiful pink

roses bloomed on the plant. The children were very happy.

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### WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

- Plants make their own food.
- Plants need sunshine to make their food.
- Plants use water, carbon dioxide and minerals to make their food.
- Plants produce food in their leaves.
- Plants produce oxygen and release it into the air while making food.
- Oxygen is vital for us to live on Earth.

