



Coleus

Plectranthus scutellarioides

Native to Southeast Asia and Malaysia.

Cool Leaves!

Leaves can be green, purple, pink, or even red. The reddish colors serve as sunscreen to protect the leaf from high light.

Chloroplasts (the plant's solar cells) spread out in shade and stack up to protect each other when it gets too bright.

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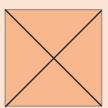
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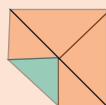
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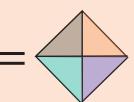
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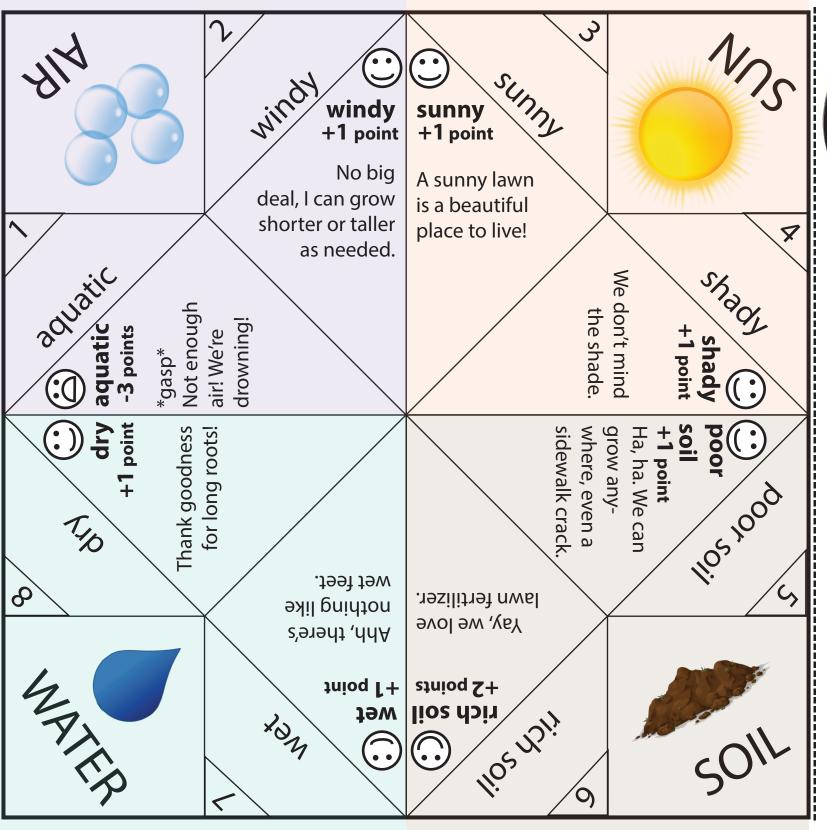


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Dandelion

Taraxacum officinale

Native to Eurasia and North America, now found worldwide.

Cool Leaves!

Leaves can change size, shape, and thickness, depending on where the plant grows.

The name "Dandelion" is French for "Lion's Tooth," which is kind of what the leaves look like.

Can you find three dandelions growing in different places on your way home today?

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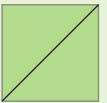
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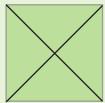
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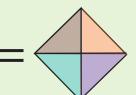
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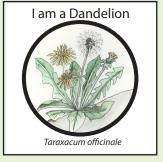
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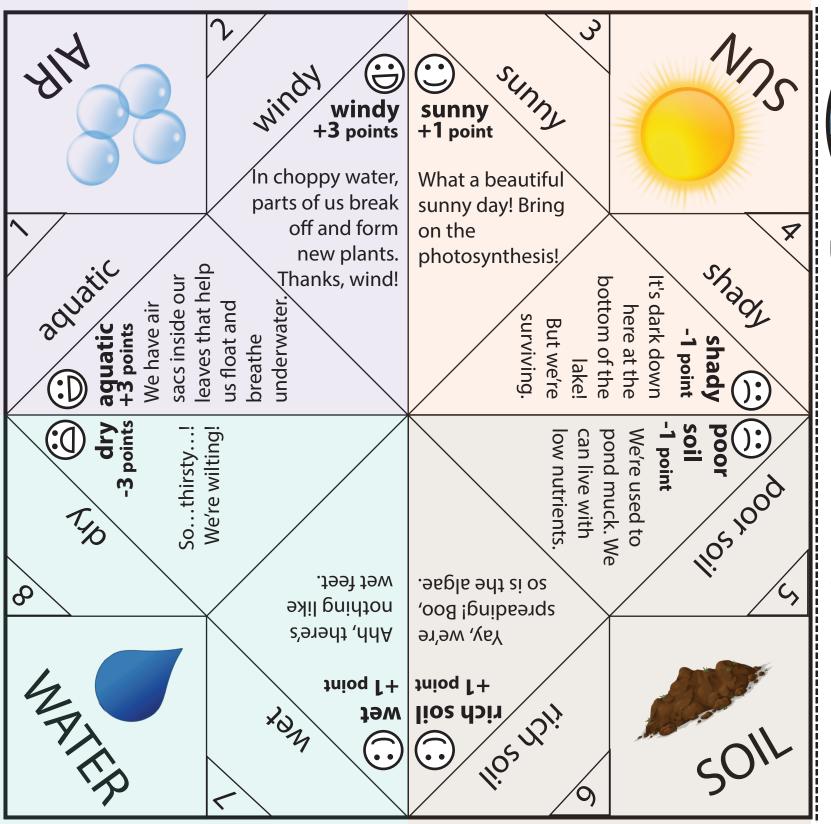


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Waterweed

Elodea canadensis

Native to freshwater lakes and ponds in North and South America.

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Leaves have air chambers to help them float and elastic stems and leaves attached directly to the stem to keep the plant from falling apart in currents.

When a piece does break off, it can form a whole new plant, the number one way this plant spreads.

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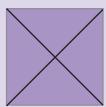
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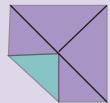
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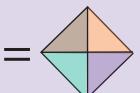
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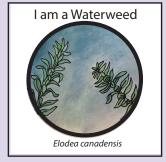
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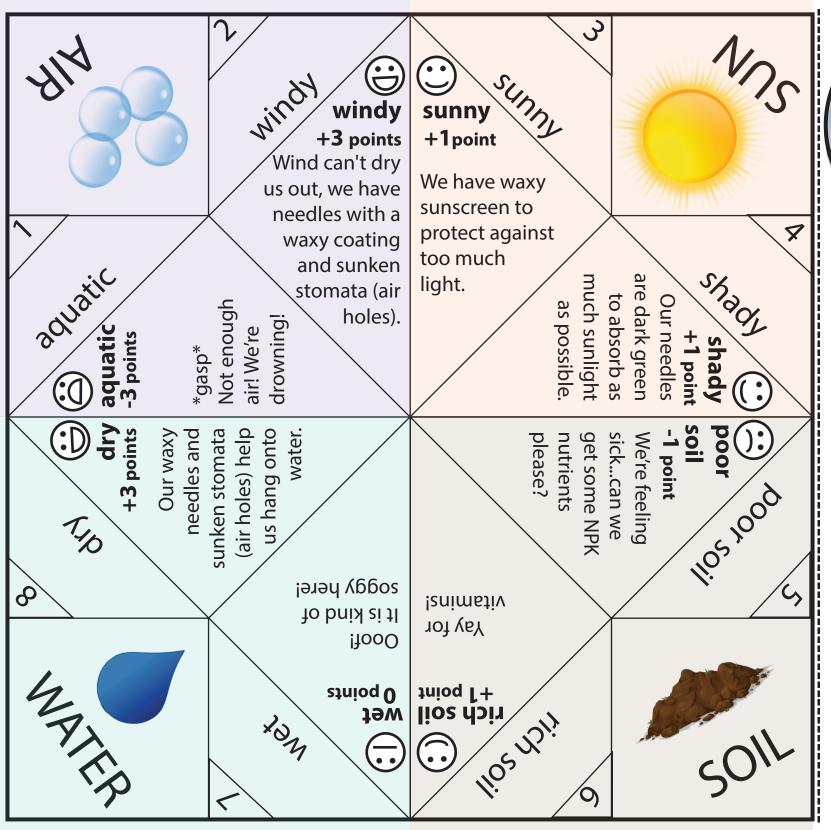


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White Pine Pinus strobus

Native to Eastern North America.

Cool Leaves!

Leaves have a waxy coating and sunken stomata (air holes) to help the plant hang onto water.

The wax also helps act as a sunscreen to protect needles from damaging UV.

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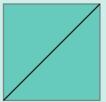
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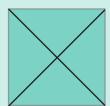
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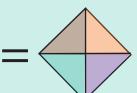
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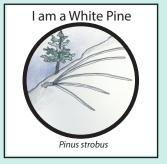
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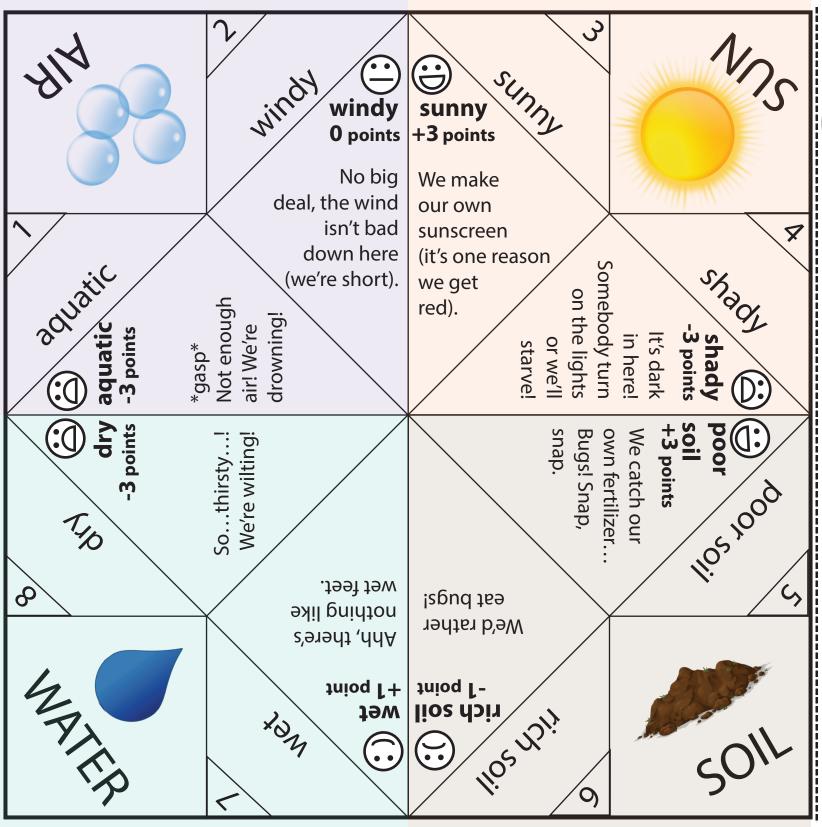


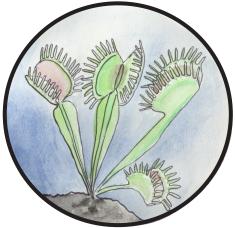
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Venus Fly Trap Dionaea muscipula

Native to wetlands in North and South Carolina.

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Leaves turn red to protect against sun damage and attract prey.

Leaves snap shut, trap and digest insects for nutrients.

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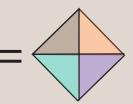
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