

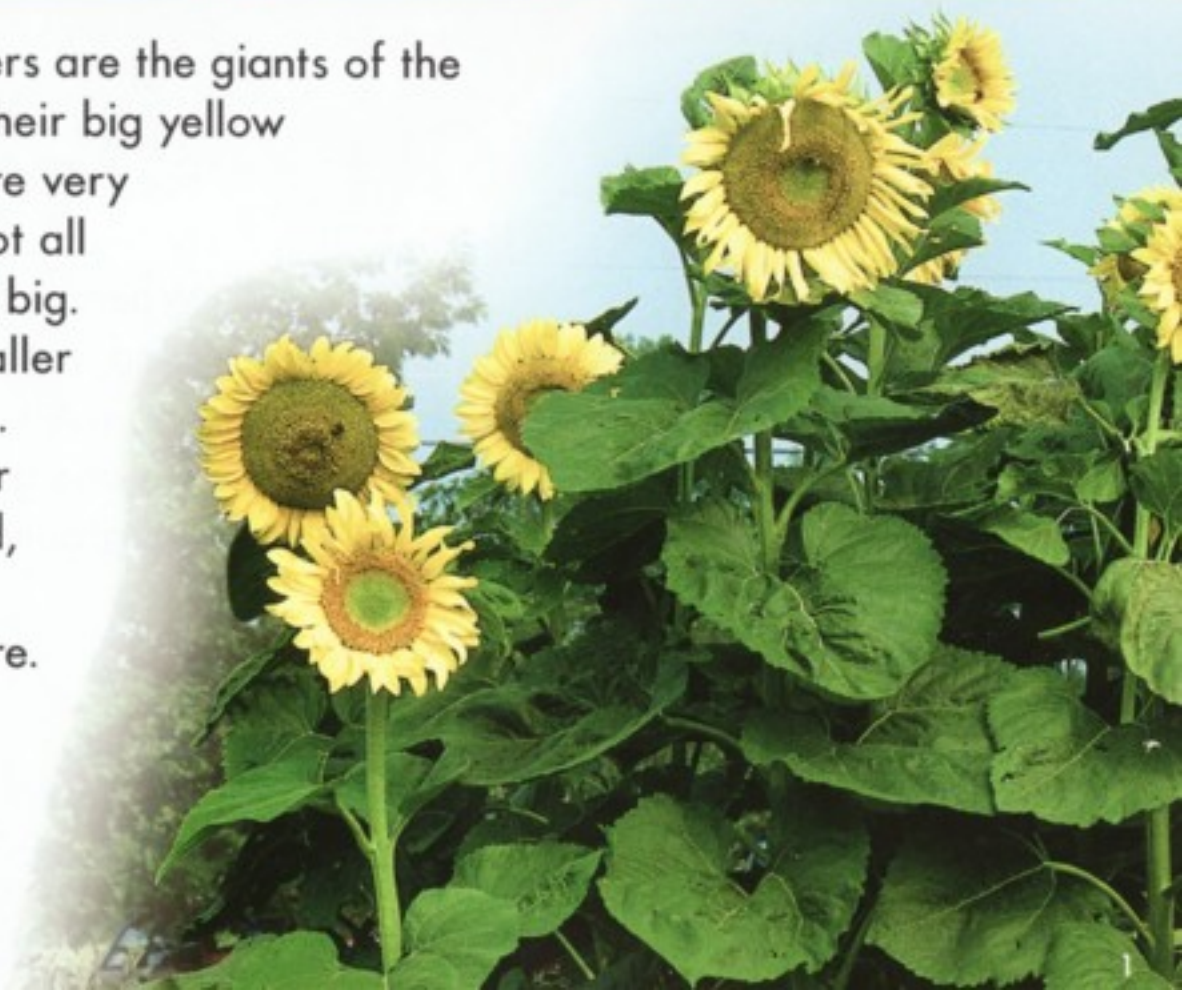
SUNFLOWER



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These sunflowers are the giants of the garden. With their big yellow flowers they are very well named! Not all sunflowers are big. Some are no taller than your knee. But many tower over your head, standing eight feet tall or more.





A giant sunflower begins with a small seed. The seed's shell, or seed coat, is striped. When water enters the seed, it swells and cracks open. A small root pushes out and grows down into the ground.

Next, a small stem grows up toward the sun. The first two leaves, called seed leaves, push up the seed coat. The seed leaves wear the seed coat like a hat!

