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Venus Fly Trap

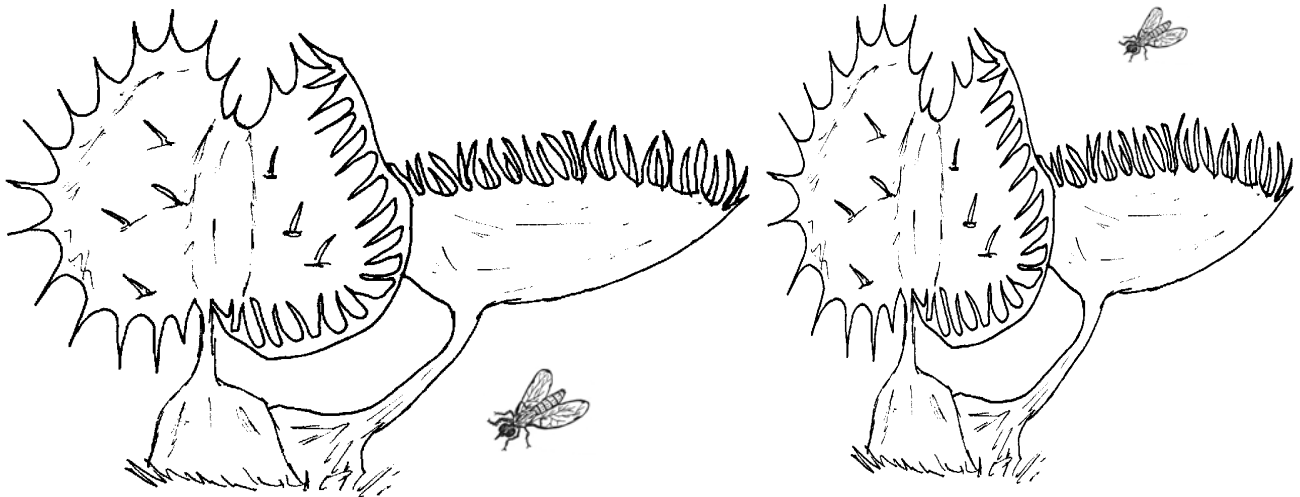


A special plant called the 'Venus Fly Trap' lives on little insects. When a fly lands on the leaf, the leaf closes real quickly and the fly is trapped. The fly can not get out and the plant 'eats' the fly. The plant gets all the goodness from the fly it caught and will grow strong and healthy.

How does the Venus fly trap know a fly has landed? On the leaves are hairs and when the fly touches the hairs the two parts of the leaf snap shut. It feels and reacts very quickly. The fly has no chance to escape. A special thing called 'enzymes' ooze from the leaf and the fly gets slowly used for plant food.

Write six insects a Venus fly trap could 'eat'.

Colour the Venus fly traps green and draw an insect on each leaf.



Use stiff green card or paper to make your own Venus fly trap. Copy the leaf from your worksheet, colour it and cut it out. Make the leaf bigger than the one on your worksheet. Fold the leaf in half so it can snap shut when it catches an insect. Make an insect to go inside your Venus fly trap leaf. Have fun and don't get caught!