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Fungi

Fungi are called decomposers; they feed on the remains of dead plants and animals. There are about 40 000 different kinds of fungi, these include the mushrooms, toadstools, moulds, rusts and mildews. Provide a short description for each one below.

Mushroom_____

Toadstool_____

Mould_____

Rust_____

Mildew_____



Did you know that fungi can be found in the air, in soil, in water, on plants and even in the human body? When a fungus that is harmful lives in or on the human body it is referred to as a fungal pathogen. Use a dictionary to find out what a pathogen means, write the meaning on the lines below.

An example of a fungal pathogen is 'Athlete Foot' (*Tinea pedis*). The fungus likes to live on outer layers of human skin. Symptoms of athlete's foot include itching, blistered or cracked skin and skin redness; these symptoms can be severe or mild. Research and write on the lines below, a different fungi pathogen either related to a plant or a human.
