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Quick Questions



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Answers

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Accept: coat; seed coat.

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Accept answers which discuss that some plants do not begin their lives as seeds, as implied by the word 'most', such as: This sentence tells us that most plants begin their lives as seeds but some do not.

4. Predict what would happen to the mini plant inside the seed if it did not get the things that it needs.

Accept any answers which predict that the plant will not grow without the correct levels of water, oxygen, light and heat, such as: I predict that the seed would not start to grow.