



# A seed is the start

## Readers Theater

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Meet seeds that pop, hop, creep, and explode in this lyrical introduction to plant growth and seed dispersal. Stunning photographs and fact-packed text showcase the role of seed features and functions in creating a new generation of plants. Complete with an illustrated glossary, resources, and an index, *A Seed is the Start* inspires wonder as it encourages budding botanists of all ages to look with new eyes at plants and their seeds.

### Getting Started

Many readers theater scripts have just ten or twelve parts, but this script has twice as many roles! Narrators have the most challenging parts. They read a whole sentence. Actors read a few words and act out the verb. The script also includes two choruses, which let everyone participate together.

If you're working with a small group of children, some students can perform two roles. If you have a group larger than nineteen, some children can share a role.

After you've matched students with parts, ask the class to read through the script a few times. As the children practice, provide as much support and advice as needed. During the final reading, the students can perform for another class or even a group of parents.

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**Narrator/Actor 1:** A seed is the start of a new plant life. Bury it in soil, and watch it grow, grow, **grow**.

**Narrator 2:** Plants grow best when they have their own space.

**Narrator 3:** That's why seeds have many ways of traveling to new places.

**Actor 1:** Seeds fly.

**Actor 2:** Seeds spin . . .

**Actor 3:** and glide.

**Actor 4:** Seeds tumble . . .

**Actor 5:** and spill.

**Actor 6:** Seeds splash.

**Actor 7:** Seeds float.

**Actor 8:** Seeds drift.

**Actor 9:** Seeds pop.

**Chorus:** Seeds hop, hop, hop . . .

**Actor 10:** and creep.

**Actor 11:** Seeds hook . . .

**Actor 12:** and cling.

**Actor 13:** Seeds ride inside.

**Actor 14:** Seeds ride outside too.

**Narrator 4:** If a seed lands in a good spot, it sprouts.

**Narrator 5:** Then it grows into a plant that makes more. . .

**Chorus:** SEEDS.