



# The Life Cycle of a Sunflower



.1.

The seeds  
are planted in  
the soil.

.2.



The seed  
begins to  
**germinate.**

The roots  
begin to grow  
down and the  
shoot begins to  
grow up.



.3.

After about a week, the seed begins to grow into a plant. This is called a **seedling**.

The plant grows taller and taller and the leaves become bigger and bigger.



.4.

A bud forms,  
and the plant  
continues to  
grow taller.



.5.

The petals open  
and the flower  
blooms.



.6.

The flower dies.

The seeds are dispersed (moved away from the parent plant).

The cycle starts all over again.



1. Seeds are planted in the soil.



2. The seeds begin to germinate.



3. Seedlings begin to appear.



The flower dies and the seeds are dispersed.



4. The flower head opens.



A bud forms and the plant continues to grow.