

Nature's Gifts

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Trees and flowers come to us as the best gifts of nature. They provide us with a wide variety of things. Read the following descriptions of some plants and then write their names.

1. A plant having only one cotyledon and usually having parallel veined leaves and flower parts arranged in groups of three. They include grasses, cereals, bamboos, date palm, etc.
2. A plant with two embryonic seed leaves or cotyledons that usually appear at germination. They include flowers like roses, magnolias, etc.
3. This flower gets its name from the old English words 'day's eye', as like an eye it blooms open in the day and closes at night.
4. This flower gets its name from the French, 'dent de lion' meaning lion's tooth, because its leaves have edges that look like sharp teeth.
5. An evergreen tree bearing cones and needle-like or scale-like leaves.
6. These trees grow fast and reach their full height in less than 20 years. They provide 75 percent of the world's timber.
7. The bark of these trees, called tannin, is used for caring leather. They are the oldest of all European trees.
8. A giant coniferous tree with reddish wood. Native to California and Oregon, it is the tallest tree in the world.

monocotyledons

dicotyledons

daisy

dandelion

pine

Bamboo

Conifer

Redwood

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- > The Eternal God redwood tree in California is 12,000 years old.
- > Balsa wood of central America is the softest and lightest wood of all. It is used in light, stiff structures in model bridge test, model buildings and for the construction of model aircraft and in the construction of actual airplanes. It is a very good insulator of both, sound and temperature.

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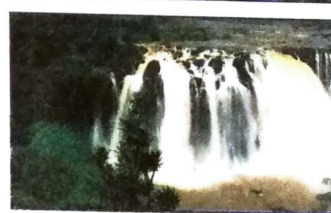
redwood, bamboo, conifers, pine, monocotyledons, dicotyledons, daisy, dandelion

Beautiful Waterfalls

When the water of a river falls down from a steep rock, it forms a waterfall. Waterfalls are generally seen in hilly and plateau regions. Let's study about some beautiful waterfalls of the world.

Read the description and name the waterfalls.

1. These falls are the highest waterfalls in the world. These are 979 metres high. These are located in Venezuela, South America on the river Carrao.
Angel falls
2. These falls are very beautiful to see. These are located on the river Zambezi in between Zambia and Zimbabwe. These falls were discovered by David Livingstone of Scotland. He named them after a well-known queen.
Victoria falls
3. These falls are located on the border of Canada and the USA. The horseshoe shaped falls are in Canada while the American falls lie in the USA.
Niagara falls
4. These beautiful waterfalls are the highest waterfalls in India. These are located in Karnataka and are 255 metres high.
Jog falls
5. These falls lie on the river Potaro and are 226 metres high. These falls are located in Guyana which means 'The Land of Many Rivers'. The natives of Guyana consider these falls as sacred.
Kaieteur falls
6. These falls lie on the river Blue Nile (Abay). The falls form Africa's one of the most dramatic sight. These falls are located in Ethiopia.
Tissisat falls
7. These falls lie on the Iguacu river and are located on the border of Brazil and Argentina near Praguay. These falls are a chain of 275 waterfalls, half of which fall into the 'Devil's Throat'.
Iguazu falls



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About 17 million litres water of flows every second down the Boyoma waterfall of Congo. Thus, it is the greatest waterfall in terms of water volume.

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