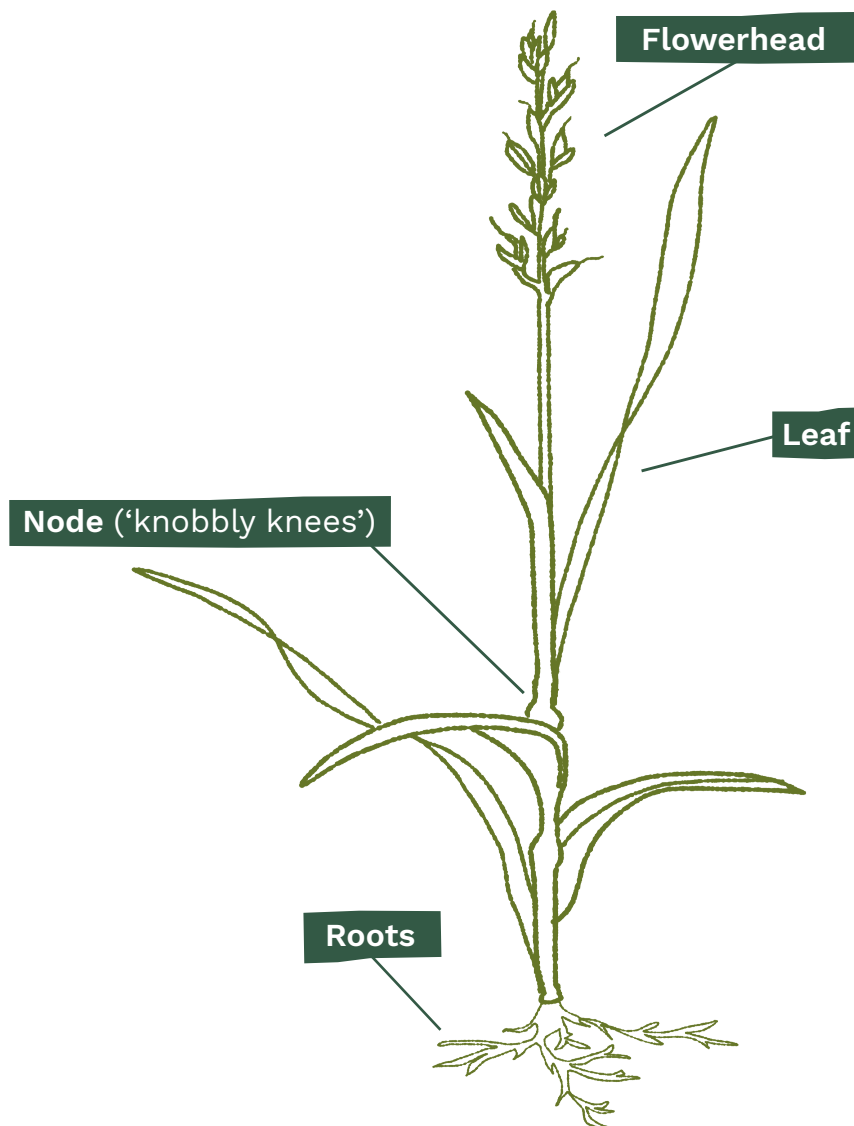


Grass and wildflowers

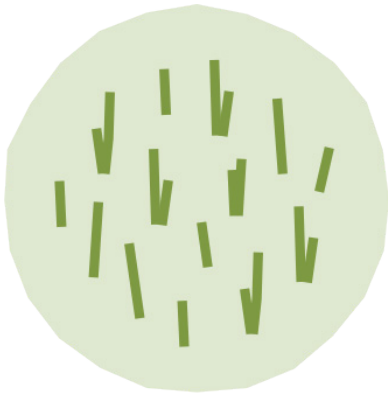
1 What is grass?

- Grasses have hollow stems, except at the 'nodes' (the 'knobbly knees')
Pick a blade of grass, cutting it close to the soil – can you see the hollow stem?
- They have **narrow leaves** that wrap around the stem, with veins that run the length of the blade of grass.
- **Grasses have flowers too** if they are left to grow long enough. They might not look like the kinds of flowers you are used to, more like seedheads, but they are there for the same function – to be pollinated. Grasses are mostly pollinated by the wind, rather than insects.
- **Can you find any grass flowers or seedheads?**

Parts of a grass



2 How much grass is there?



Option A

All grass



Option B

Mostly grass



Option C

Mostly other plants

3 How many leaf shapes?

How many different leaf shapes can you find? (Use tally marks)

