



Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the Blanks

Name: _____

Read the paragraph below about plants. Use the vocabulary words from the word bank to fill in the blanks.

anthers	attracts	carbon dioxide	carnivorous
stamens	pistil	pollination	herbivorous

Plants are living things. Just like us, they breathe and need food and water. When plants breathe, they take in _____ and breathe out oxygen. We need oxygen to survive, so plants are very important to our planet.

It's not just humans that rely on plants. Animals do, too! _____ animals depend on plants for their everyday meals! Then what do plants eat? Plants get many nutrients from water and the soil they are in. They use those nutrients to make their own food, so they are called producers. However, there are a few _____ plants, such as the Venus flytrap, that feast on flies and other small insects! They are usually found in poor soil that doesn't have many nutrients.

Have you ever looked closely at the inside of a flower? The _____ was probably the first thing you noticed since it is right in the middle. It has a sticky stigma on top. Surrounding the pistil are long, skinny _____. It is their job to make the pollen. The pollen sits right on top of the _____. Nectar in the flower _____ bees. When the bees come into the flower, pollen sticks to their bodies. As they move from flower to flower, some of the pollen may fall on another flower's stigma. If that happens, _____ occurs, and a seed will begin to form!