

# HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION

## Investigation 2: Growing Further

Do you have houseplants in your home? Can you figure out why they are called houseplants? How do houseplants get the things they need to live, such as water and nutrients?

Take a neighborhood field trip. Look for a plant that has all of the parts listed below. Check the appropriate squares to describe the plant. If you find a weed that is OK to dig or pull up, look at the roots, too.

**The plant:** Is the plant  tall or  short?

**Stems:** Are the stems  long or  short?

**Seeds:** Does the plant have  many or  few seeds?

**Flowers:** Does the plant have  big or  small flowers?

**Roots:** Does the plant have  one main root or  many roots?

**Leaves:** Are the leaves  big or  small?

**Others:** Is the plant  by itself or  with others of its kind?

Is there anything else interesting about the plant? Draw a picture on the back of this sheet.

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**SAFETY NOTE:** Although most plants are harmless, some can cause allergic reactions. Examine your samples with care. Don't eat anything you collect, and wash your hands after handling the plants.