

Planting words

Nezha, Inés and Rhiannon are creating a new planting scheme for two planting beds. Here are some useful words about planting a design. Read the Useful Vocabulary, then test your comprehension by completing the exercises.

PLANTING A DESIGN | Useful Vocabulary



arrange

VERB (arranging; past participle arranged)

To place things in a neat, attractive, or required order.
e.g. to place plants in a bed or border ready to be planted.



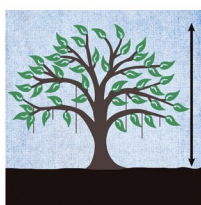
front

ADJECTIVE At the front or in front of something. e.g. at the front of a border or in front of a wall



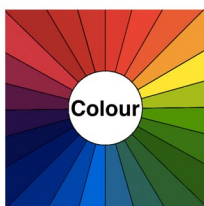
back

ADJECTIVE At the back or behind something. e.g. at the back of a bed or behind a plant



height

NOUN The measurement of an item (e.g. a tree) from its base to its top. An item of great height is tall; a thing of little height is short.



colour

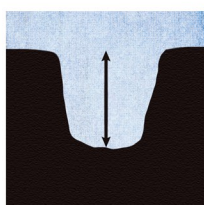
NOUN The effect of light on an object such as a leaf or flower. Green, red, blue, yellow, pink, orange, purple, white and brown are common garden colours.



plant

VERB (planting; past participle planted)

To put the roots of a plant (e.g. a sedum, pictured) into soil or compost to enable it to grow.



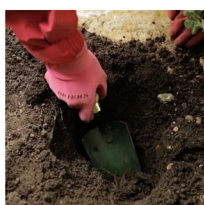
depth

NOUN The distance from the top to the bottom of something (e.g. a hole or a plant pot). A thing of great depth is deep; a thing of little depth is shallow.



root ball

NOUN The mass formed of the roots of a plant and the soil or compost that surrounds them.



dig

VERB (digging; past participle dug)

To break up and move earth using a tool such as a spade, fork or trowel.



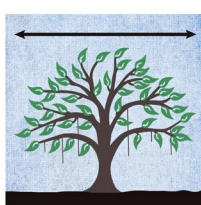
texture

NOUN In garden design, texture is the structure and appearance of plants. Some are light and feathery, others are strong and upright. It's good to mix textures.



flowering season

NOUN The period of time that a plant produces flowers. Plants may be spring-flowering, summer-flowering, autumn-flowering or winter-flowering



width

NOUN The measurement of something horizontally from one side to another. A thing of great width is wide; a thing of little width is said to be narrow.