



# Root Structure

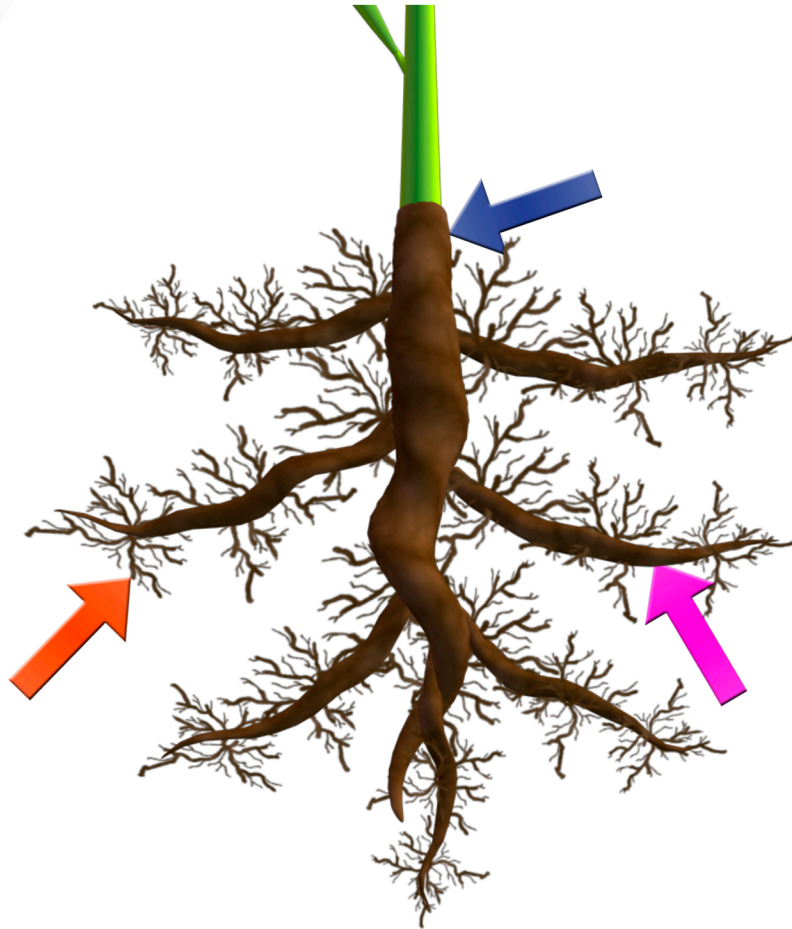
Use the words on the left to fill in the blanks in the sentences and to label the arrows in the picture below.

## Words to Use

primary root

root hairs

secondary roots



The \_\_\_\_\_ is the thickest and grows downwards. The \_\_\_\_\_ are not as thick, and tend to grow sideways. The \_\_\_\_\_ absorb water and nutrients from the soil.

Roots support the plant, gather water and nutrients and store food that the plant makes.