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**Germinate (verb): to change from a dormant seed to an actively growing seed. Applies only to seeds.**

**Bud (verb): to start to grow from a bud (not a seed).**

**Bud (noun): a structure on a plant that produces a new leaf or stem (leaf buds and stem buds). Does not apply to seeds.**

**Sprout (verb): to grow, especially from beneath the soil, but a bud or seed can also sprout and grow.**

**Sprout (noun): a new growing stem, bud, or newly germinating seed.**

**Shoot (verb): to grow quickly (when used for plants!).**

**Shoot (noun): a new and actively growing stem or any stem. Plants are made of two parts, shoots and roots.**

**If it is a plant, and it is not a root, it is probably part of the shoot or a modified shoot such as a leaf.**