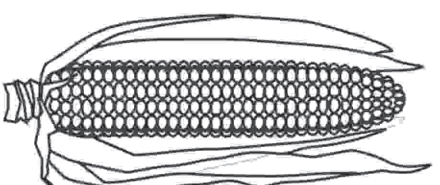
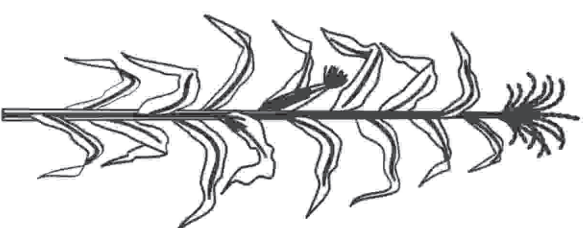
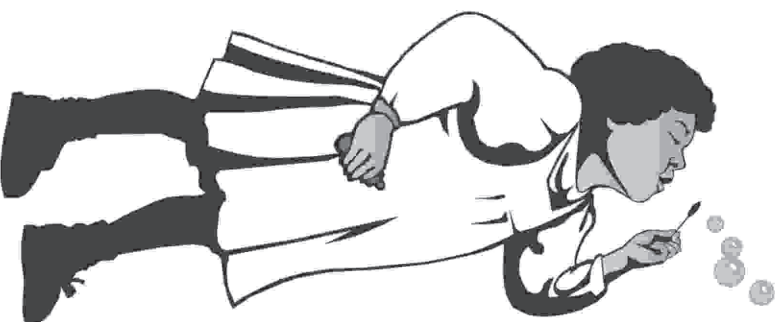
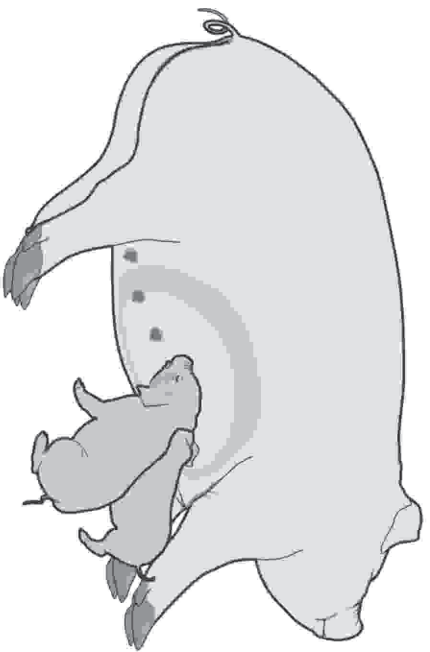


# Growth



**Growth is change. Energy makes things grow.**

## **GROWTH AND ENERGY**

Every living thing is growing all the time. Sometimes they grow bigger. Sometimes they do not get bigger, but they still grow. They grow new cells to replace old ones.

It takes energy to grow—**chemical energy** stored in simple sugars. The energy to make these sugars comes from light energy. Most of this light energy comes from the sun. Plants absorb the light energy and store it in their leaves, stems, fruits, and roots as chemical energy. They use the energy to grow. When we eat the plants, or animals that eat plants, we absorb the chemical energy.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How do the things in the picture get their energy to grow?
2. Can you get energy straight from the sun to grow?
3. What happens if you eat more food than you need? Not enough food?

## **ACTIVITIES**

1. Have the students draw an energy flow from a carnivore (meat eater) back to the sun.
2. Look on packages of food at the calories. Calories are a measure of the energy in the food.