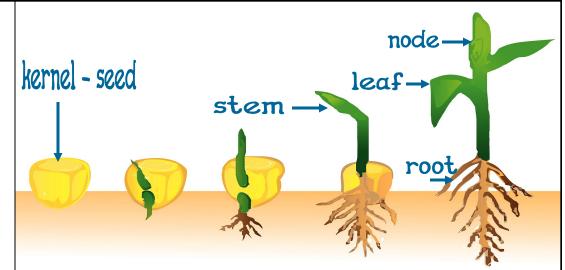


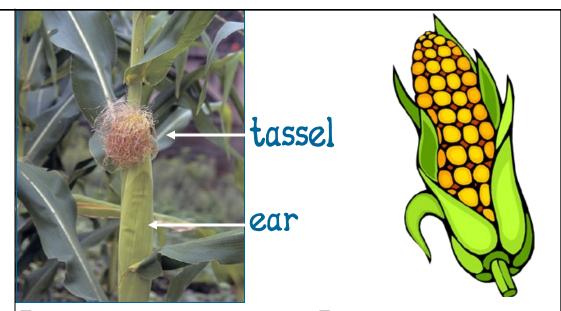
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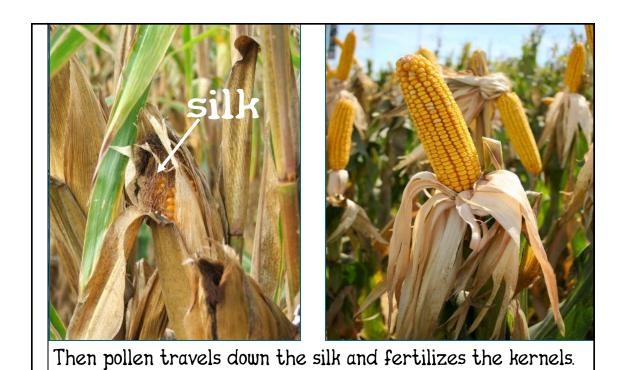
Some of the first corn farmers were the American Indians, the Aztecs, the Incas and the Mayas.

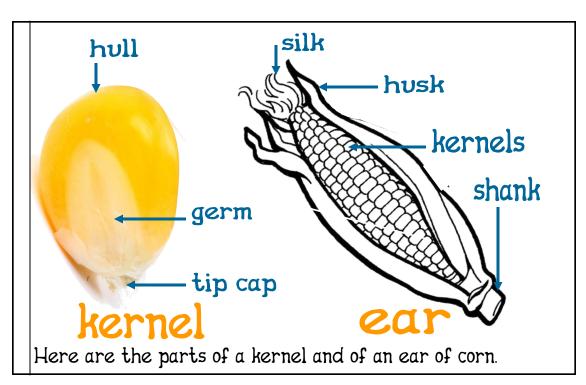


How does corn grow? The kernel is the seed. The seed is planted in the soil. The stalk begins to grow. The stalk is the stem. Leaves grow from the nodes.



Ears of corn grow from the nodes. Each plant is male and female. The silk catches pollen from the tassels.





Corn Words

diclinous - A corn plant is diclinous because the stamens and pistils (male and female reproductive parts) are found in separate flowers.

kernel - The kernel is the corn seed.

tuft - A cluster of hairs like silk also called tassel are at the tip of an ear of corn.

tip cap - The tip cap attaches the kernel to the cob.

cob - The core or center of the ear. The kernels of corn are attached to it and grow in rows.





Here is a picture of an Aztec woman grinding corn and making tortillas.