

All: Lingokids

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Speaker: Hi, Lisa.

Speaker: Hi, Elliot. Hi, Cowy.

Speaker: What's wrong, Lisa? You sound sad.

Speaker: I'm worried about Stanley.

Speaker: Who's Stanley?

Speaker: My plant. Just look at him. His leaves are drooping.

All: Oh.

Speaker: How are his leaves supposed to be?

Speaker: They're supposed to be more up and more out.

Speaker: They don't look up or out.

Speaker: Yes. I wish I knew how to help him.

Speaker: Maybe you can ask Stanley.

Speaker: Huh, good idea.

[drum rolls]

Speaker: [clears throat] How do we help you, Stanley?

Speaker: Stanley's not answering.

Speaker: Welcome to *Stories for Kids* by Lingokids where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of play learning. Did you know plants are living things? Taking care of plants is a special job, and sometimes it's tricky to guess what they need. Why might a plant's leaves droop? Do you think inside plants wish they were outside? Let's find out.

Speaker: [chirps]

Speaker: Oh, hey, Billy.

Speaker: [chirps]

Speaker: Billy is wondering if you could please move over. He's about to watch his show.

Speaker: Sure.

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Speaker: Like all plants, the leafy forest greens native to this area relish in the great outdoors. These plants love fresh air and their glorious outdoor surroundings. Living right here outside is this plant's dream come true.

Speaker: Ah. What? That's it. Stanley is droopy because he's sad. Huh? He wants to be free. He's a plant, and plants love it outside. They belong outside. Yes. Stanley wants to leave inside and go outside. All plants want to go outside. Free the plants.

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Speaker: I saw plants inside at the mall.

All: Free it. Free the plants.

Speaker: There's a plant on my teacher's desk at school.

All: Free it. Free the plants.

Speaker: My dentist's office always has flowers.

All: Set them free. Set them free.

Speaker: We need to help Stanley and all of these plants get outside where they belong. Come on.

All: Let's go.

Speaker: Yes.

[drum rolls]

Speaker: Stanley, I am going to take you outside.

Speaker: Whoa, Lisa, why are you carrying that heavy pot?

All: Free the plants.

Speaker: It's not just a pot. This is Stanley, and he's sad because he wants to live outside. We're setting him free.

Speaker: Oh, I see. Perhaps we should talk this over.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Lisa and everybody, you're right that outside is usually the perfect place for plants,-

Speaker: I knew it.

Speaker: -but some plants grow well indoors. Actually, potted plants don't need to go outside. They wouldn't even like it unless the weather is just right for them.

Speaker: They don't need to go outside? Plants belong outside.

Speaker: As long as a plant is getting what it needs, it can be wonderfully happy indoors too.

Speaker: Huh.

Speaker: There's another thing. Stanley is a tropical plant.

Speaker: Huh?

Speaker: That means he would not like the cold. He needs a warmer environment, so in most places, he's actually better off indoors.

Speaker: I'm not so sure.

Speaker: [chirps]

Speaker: Yes, Billy, indoor plants benefit people too. They help people feel happier and they purify the air we breathe.

Speaker: That sounds good.

Speaker: It is good.

Speaker: Wait, did you say plants help people feel happy?

Speaker: That's right.

Speaker: Let's look at Lisa's plant, Stanley, and see if we feel happy.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Kids at home, if you have a plant nearby, you can look at it too.

Speaker: Ah. Hey, I really do feel happy. Thanks, Stanley.

Speaker: Me too, and relaxed.

Speaker: Yes, but I still have a question. If plants are so glad to be inside, then why is Stanley droopy?

Speaker: Maybe he's not getting what he needs.

Speaker: I don't know what he needs.

Speaker: It's okay, Lisa. Let's talk about what most plants need, then see if we can figure out what Stanley's problem is. Kids at home, can you think of anything that a plant may need?

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Speaker: Water.

Speaker: Yes, plants need water.

Speaker: What about sunlight?

Speaker: Yes, plants need sunlight too.

Speaker: [chirps]

Speaker: Yes, Billy, plants also need soil and air.

Speaker: Most plants need water, sunlight, soil, and air?

Speaker: That's right.

Speaker: I bet Stanley needs one of those things.

Speaker: Yes, but which one?

Speaker: Let's see. Stanley has lots of air.

Speaker: Yes. The air is always there. We don't even have to think about it.

Speaker: They just watered Stanley the exact right amount. Not too much, not too little.

Speaker: Okay. That's a good hint. Water is probably not the problem.

Speaker: Does Stanley have sunlight?

Speaker: Yes. Stanley is right by the window. He usually likes it there.

Speaker: That leaves just one thing.

Speaker: Soil?

Speaker: Yes. Sometimes when plants get bigger and bigger, they might not have enough room or enough soil anymore.

Speaker: I have noticed Stanley standing a little taller lately. He used to be littler and now he's pretty big. Stanley needs more soil.

Speaker: Yes. Stanley has outgrown his pot just like you outgrow shoes sometimes.

Speaker: That's why he's sad. I'd be sad too if my shoes were too small.

[chuckling]

Speaker: [chirps]

Speaker: Look, Billy is bringing a bigger pot over.

Speaker: Thanks, Billy.

Speaker: [chirps]

Speaker: Let's give Stanley more soil by putting him into the new bigger pot.

All: Yes.

Speaker: Get a grown-up to be nearby whenever you're moving plants around.

Speaker: Okay. Hold on. I need to tell Stanley about the plan. [clears throat] Stanley, I am going to move you into a new pot.

Speaker: We're helping too.

Speaker: Gently, wiggle, wiggle. Now put some new soil into the bigger pot, and put Stanley in gently.

Speaker: Stanley will want extra water after the big move.

Speaker: There, we did it.

All: Yay.

Speaker: With a little time, I bet Stanley will perk right up.

Speaker: [chirps]

Speaker: Oh, Billy is trying to catch the end of his show.

Speaker: As you've seen, whether it's a gigantic redwood tree or a tiny blade of grass, most plants need the same four things.

All: Water.

Speaker: Water.

All: Sunlight.

Speaker: Sunlight.

All: Soil.

Speaker: Soil.

All: Air.

Speaker: Air.

[laughter]

Speaker: We knew that.

[laughter]

Speaker: Look, Stanley's leaves aren't droopy anymore. Oh, I think he's happy now.

Speaker: Lingokids listeners, thanks for exploring plants with us. We learned that most plants need water, sunlight, soil, and air, and it turns out that some plants are quite happy inside.

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