

## Flower talk

*Flower talk* tells about flowers and a garden. Gardens usually make people feel good, they create a nice atmosphere and help us to enjoy life.

The book also talks about expressing feelings, about life and about different thoughts and attitudes.

The book can be read by all age groups and it is especially recommended for all who learn English and elderly.



### **Discussion:**

What new thoughts do the stories in the book give you?

Which flowers do you like? Why? Which are your favourites?

Which flowers or plants do you have on your balcony, in your home or in your garden?

Choose one or a few flowers from the book.

Describe them and explain why you choose them.

What feelings do the flowers awaken in you?

Discuss the flowers you chose with the others in the group.

What do they describe about you as a person and what do they mean for you?

**Tasks:** Draw your own pictures to the stories.

Write about a flower which is not included in the book.

Write your own story or a poem for the pictures in the book.

## Flower talk: reading comprehension

**Which statements are true? Answer also the questions.**

### Early spring

1. When the snow melts, blue snowdrops appear.
2. Crocus is violet or yellow.
3. Wild daffodils are white or pink.
4. You get saffron from wild daffodils.
5. The flower we pick for Mother's Day is a bunch of wood anemones.
6. Blue-eyed Mary is a forget-me-not.
7. All violets and cowslips have a strong aroma.

### Spring

1. Everybody admires cherry blossoms in Japan.
2. Tulip bulbs come from Amsterdam.
3. Iris is a boy's name.
4. Which white flowers are often in bride bouquets?
5. Rhubarb has small leaves.
6. Which leaf has been used as a plaster?

### Late spring

1. Common daisy means in the flower language angry and disappointed.
2. The lilac loves wasps.
3. Which flower is a relative of the potato?

### Early summer

1. European columbine is a relative of spearmint.
2. Mosquitoes do not like tagetes.
3. Rhododendron exists in Paradise.
4. Rhododendron lets out a lot of steam into the air.
5. Yellow flags (yellow iris) can be used as swords.

### Summer

1. Romans bathed with fastigiata gypsophila.
2. Burnet rose has heavy, yellow flowers.
3. Big, blue flowers climb. What do you do about them?
4. Tagetes has plumes.
5. Valeriana calms down dogs and cats.
6. Pions come from America.



7. Crown imperials were previously put into emperors' crowns.
8. Snails like sweet William.
9. Which wild orchid has spots on the leaves?
10. The neighbour's dog does not like common marigolds.

### **Late summer**

1. Malva spreads slowly.
2. Common snapdragon gape like dragons.
3. The moth loves living in lavender bags.
4. Which flower goes into the salad?
5. Common hollyhock is a kind of rose.
6. Pea plants destroy the soil so that other plants can't grow.
7. Gladiolus is a tall flower.

### **Early autumn**

1. Forking larkspur is red and has spurs.
2. Aconite has violet flowers and helmets.
3. Dahlia roots need to be dug out in the autumn.
4. Dahlias are easy to take care of and grow.
5. Hydrangea is the favourite of the rabbit.
6. Sunflower means loyalty and love in the flower language.

### **Autumn**

1. Violets are first red and then become blue because of the frost.
2. The thicket creeper burns down the wall.
3. Amaryllis plays the flute for the cat.
4. The cat has sensitive ears.
5. For Christmas it is usual to give hyacinths as gifts.
6. Christmas roses blossom in spring.



## Flower talk: explain words

express, miracle, Greek myth  
saffron, imagination  
orchestra, exciting, trumpeting, respect, elegant  
seldom, multiply, rare  
modest, satisfaction, decorate  
admire, whirl, curled  
passion, bride bouquet, lovely  
poisonous, to bid good-bye, changeling, troll  
criminal novel, scare, secrets, hedge, petal  
rainbow, footstep, medicine  
legend, dislike, vibration  
anger, bitterness, lose hope  
not guilty, accused  
faithful, flirt, jealousy  
wonderful, bee, improve  
plant, fence, network, attack, powerful, handsome  
splendid, evaporate  
paradise, hell, wrong  
stem, winding, grass snake  
sorrow, bridge, flock  
Romans, lather, purity, calming, rub, jump  
special, relation, plume  
sincerely, tip over  
forget, emperor, impress, crown, worth, pale  
pout, outdoor, climate  
spurs, beauty, soul  
spread, keep an eye on, protect, temperature  
lazy, careful, surprising  
roar, tuft, perfume  
cosmetics, medicine, blood-pressure, spice  
moth, related, ambition, decoration, fashion  
support, richness, honour, shy, ashamed  
romantic, remind, salad, frost, cellar, elegance  
dignity, sepal, helmet, cluster, storm, jingle-bell  
stubborn, dry up, nod, heat, meaning  
loyalty, strength, nutrition, rust  
add, flame, lick, cold, faithfulness  
wither, wonderful

