have three parts—the *embryo*, the *endosperm* (on a monocot) or a *cotyledon* (on a dicot), and the *seed coat*. The embryo grows into a new plant, the endosperm provides nutrients for the embryo, and the seed coat is the protective outer covering

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plant in place. They take up water and nutrients a plant needs from the healthy soil.

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Seed Name:	
Planting months:	
Depth:	
Spacing:	
Days until harvest:	

Fruits and vegetables provide us different nutrients for our health. Write in your answers.

Nutrients that we need to be healthy include vitamins, minerals, protein, healthy fats and complex carbohydrates that come from healthy foods.

- Support cell _____ & ____
- Maintain energy _________
- Can improve the _____ system

Name your favorite fruit or your favorite vegetable. What part of the plant is that from?

Draw it below!

Fruits & Vegetables Grown in New Mexico

Identify the fruit or vegetable, and share what part of the plant you think this food is.







Word Bank

- Seeds
- Roots
- Stem
- Label and color the parts of a tomato plant.

Activity Sheet

Leaf

Flower

Fruit

use energy from sunlight to carry out *photosynthesis* and make food for the plant. The leaf is also where the plants breathes in and out.

3. Stem

provides support for leaves, flowers, and fruit. Water, nutrients, and sugars travel to and from other parts of the plant through the stem.

are the part of the plant that contains seeds. This botanical definition includes many foods that are typically considered to be vegetables

5. Flowers

contain the parts of the plant

necessary for reproduction and play an important role in pollination. The shapes, colors, and scents of some flowers attract insect and animal pollinators.

> act as anchors, holding a plant in place. They take up water and *nutrients* a plant needs from the healthy soil, like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

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Days until harvest:

Name your favorite fruit or your favorite vegetable. What part of the plant is each from? Draw them below!

Name a fruit or vegetable that you haven't tried but you want to.

Draw them, too!

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Trace the letters to spell out the name of the items and what part of the plant they are from.

y Chile is a fruit.



Onion is a stem.





