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# Plant families



Look around you anywhere at Kew. How many different types of plants can you see?



How could you group some of these plants together?

(By their colour, shape, size, taste or smell?)



What is a family?



How can you tell if people are in the same family?

How could you tell if plants are in the same family?



Find a plant that has a label. Find the name of the plant family in the top right-hand corner of the label.



Can you find the same plant family name on the labels of any other plants nearby?



Can you find two plants which look very similar but are from different families?



Can you find two different plants from the same family that have a similar smell?



How do you think Kew scientists find out if two plants are from the same family?

## Did you know?

The daisy plant family first appeared when dinosaurs walked the Earth. Kew scientists studied fossil pollen grains which showed that the daisy family, Asteraceae, is 20 million years older than first thought.