

MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS

Can you help the Cat in the Hat find plants that are different? (with apologies to Dr. Seuss)

Find a plant that's taller than you,
Not shorter, but taller,
Taller than who?
Taller than you!

Find a plant that has leaves
Longer than your thumb.
Can you also find
Where it comes from?

Find a plant smaller than your hand,
A tiny little thing,
So small—smaller than your hand,
With its roots in the sand.

Find a plant whose leaves
Look soft and furry.
They may feel that way, too,
If you're not in a hurry.

Find a plant that has leaves-
and this might sound dumb-
But these leaves have teeth!
Watch out for your thumb!

Find a tree with a spiky trunk-
What do you think?
(Or is that "what do you think?")
About a tree with a spiky trunk?

Find a plant with a nice smell,
Not one that offends,
But one that perfumes,
And would be easy to sell!

Find a plant with a terrible smell,
One that really stinks,
One that really reeks,
Your nose will be able to tell!

Find a plant that lives in a tree,
Like a squirrel or an owl,
Or a cat that can howl,
Is that a good place to be?

Find a plant that lives in the soil,
With its roots in the ground,
You'll find many of these,
If you just look around.

Find a plant that lives on a rock,
Is it all by itself, or part of a flock?
Why would a plant want to live on a stone?
Couldn't it find any dirt of its own?!

Find a plant that lives in the water,
Where the waves go pitter-patter.
And the fish swim willy-nilly,
Underneath the water lily.

Find a plant the butterflies visit
That isn't hard, now is it?
They might even land on your nose,
If you wear camouflage clothes!

Find a weird plant that you've never seen,
Is it a color other than green?
Is it purple? Or is it yellow,
Like a curved banana fellow?

Adopt a plant you like and give it a name,
One that is special, and not just the same.
Take its picture, put it in a frame-
Come back to see it-- It'll be glad you came!

Find a plant that makes you happy,
Find it quick, and make it snappy.
Love it forever; it's ok to be sappy!

One plant, two plant,
Red plant, blue plant.
Old plant, new plant,
Me plant, you plant.

Up plant, down plant,
Green plant, brown plant
Look for plants close and far,
Oh what a lot of plants there are!



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