

**Reading Comprehension****FLOWERS**

Flowers are very attractive and beautiful. They are of different colours. Flowers usually smell good. They are very popular. Some flowering plants such as the lily and the lotus grow in water. Roses, begonias, sunflowers, hibiscus grow on land. Most the flowers are seasonal. We have them in a particular season.

Flowers are very useful. They are used for decoration. They are used in *worship*. *Garlands* are made from them. They are also used for medicinal purposes. Some of them are used for making perfumes. We also give flowers as gift on many occasion. Honeybees collect nectar from flowers to make honey.

Our national flower is the *Trochetia Boutoniana* (*Boucle d'oreille*). It was declared the National Flower on the 12th March 1992, when Mauritius achieved the status of Republic.

***Word meaning***

worship : to show respect or love for God.

garland : a chain of flowers, worn on the head or hung as a decoration.

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**Answer the following questions.**

1. How are flowers? **Flowers are very attractive and beautiful.**
2. How do they usually smell? **Flowers usually smell good.**
3. Where do the lily and lotus grow? **Lily and the lotus grow in water.**
4. Can flowers be used for making perfumes? **Yes, they can be used to make perfumes.**
5. Which insect needs flowers to make honey? **The honeybees.**
6. What is the name of our national flower? **It is the *Trochetia Boutoniana***