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From Seed to Pumpkin



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This is a pumpkin **seed** sitting in **soil**.

A **shoot** is growing from the pumpkin seed.

The shoot grows into the ground.



A **stem** grows from the seed.

It has two leaves.



The pumpkin seed is now a plant.

It has many leaves.

It also has a flower.



The pumpkin flower will help
a pumpkin to grow.

The **pollen** inside the flower
will help to make more
pumpkins.



A bee takes pollen from the flower.

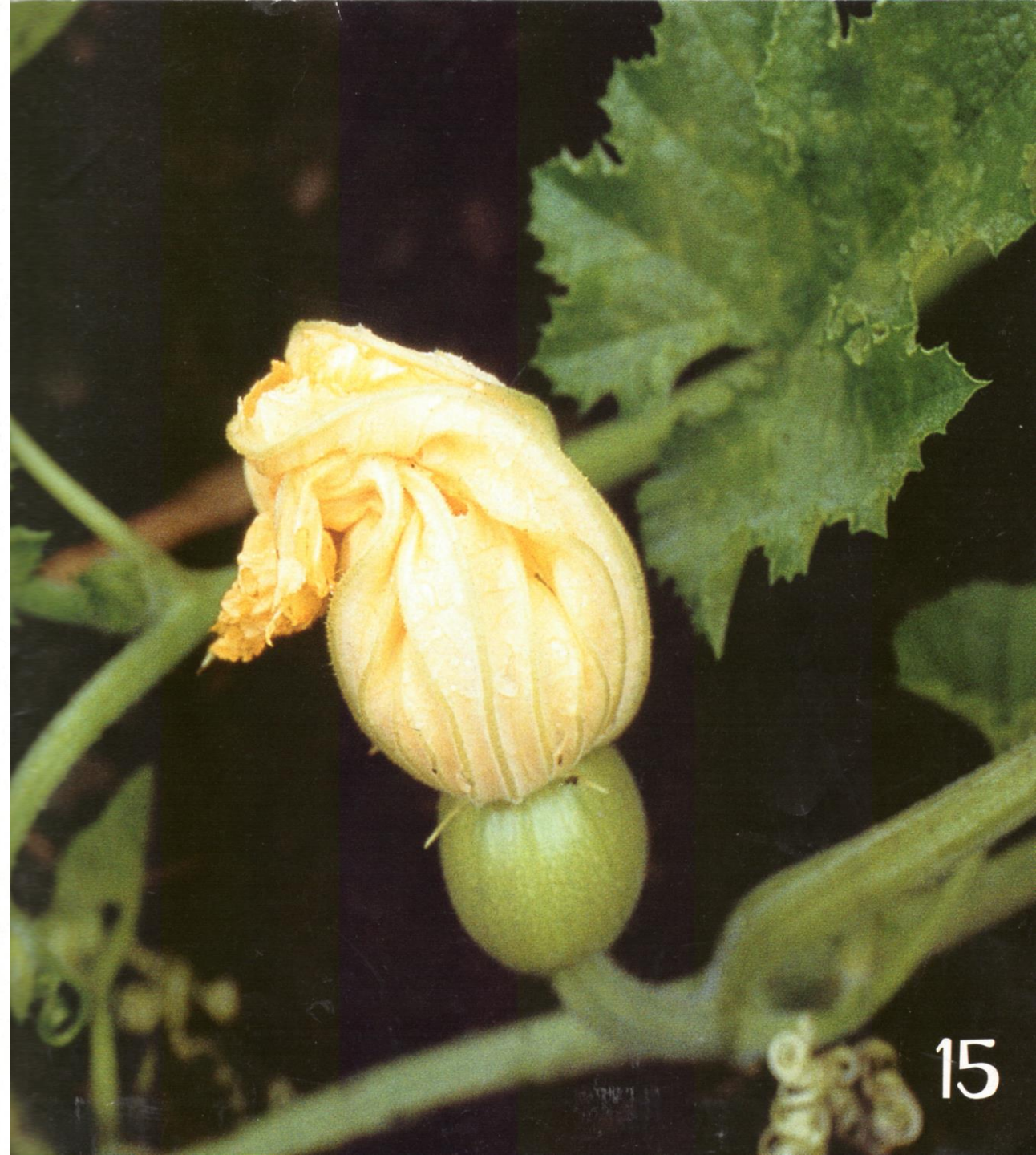
The bee brings the pollen to other flowers.



The pumpkin flower is changing.

The **petals** are getting smaller.

It doesn't look like a flower anymore.



The pumpkin flower is almost gone.

The bottom of the flower is getting bigger.

It is becoming a pumpkin.



Pumpkins grow in a **patch**.

These pumpkins are growing larger.

They are almost ready to pick.



Pumpkins are picked when they are **ripe**.

Ripe pumpkins are big and orange.



New Words

patch (**patch**) a place where something grows

petals (**peh-tuhlz**) parts of a flower

pollen (**pah-len**) a powder that helps flowers make seeds

ripe (**reyep**) fully grown and ready to pick

seed (**seed**) the part of a plant that makes a new plant

shoot (**shoot**) the part of a plant that grows into the ground

soil (**soyl**) dirt

stem (**stem**) thin part of a plant that grows from the ground

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