

Apple

This is the fruit of an apple tree.

Leaves

Leaves make food for the tree.

Trunk

The hard stem of the plant is called the trunk.

Bark

Bark helps protect the tree.

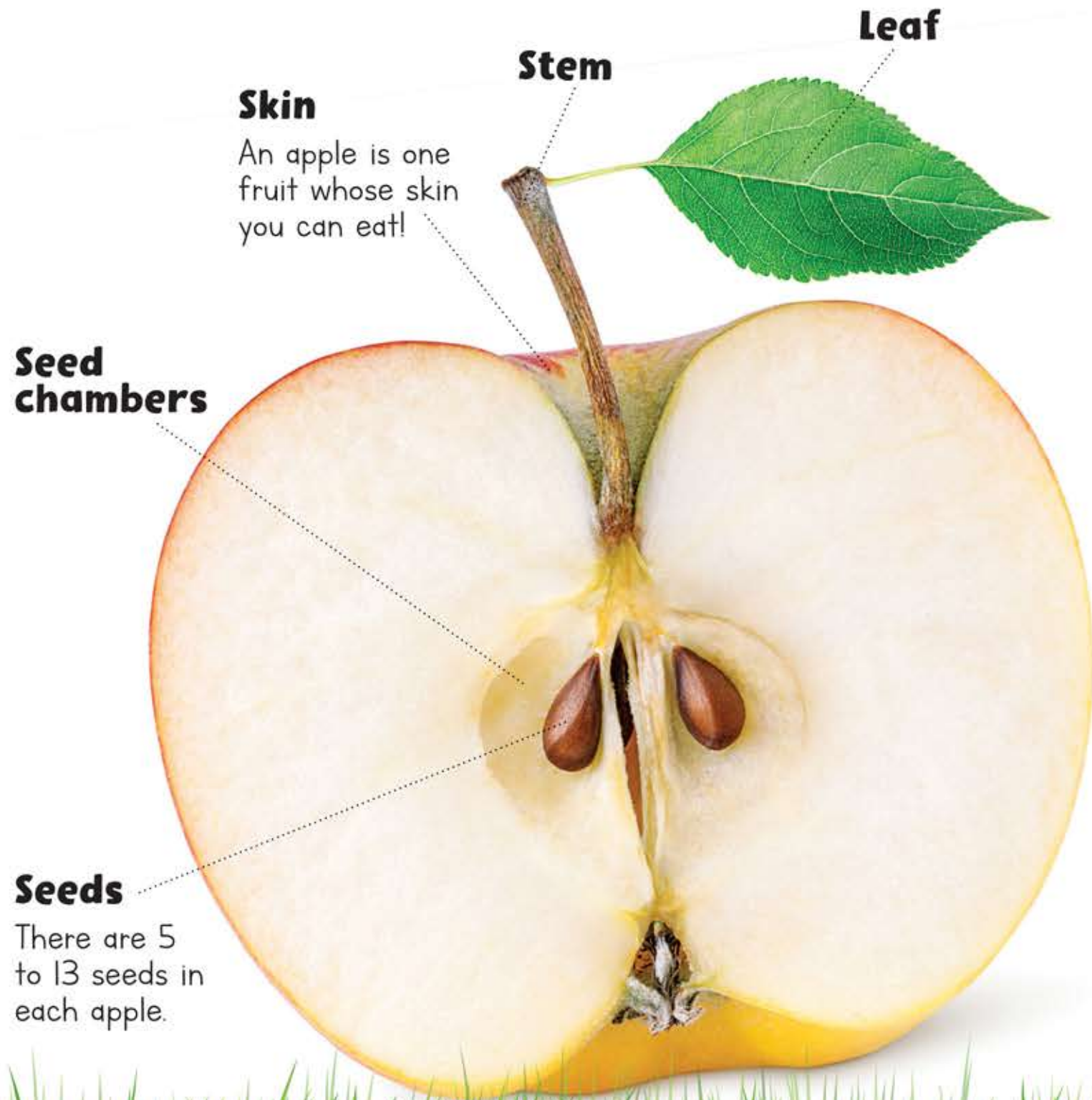


A Special Tree

This beautiful tree is filled with apples! It is an apple tree.

Like all trees, an apple tree is a woody plant. It has a stem and leaves. An apple tree is **deciduous**. Its leaves fall off in autumn and grow back in spring. The apple tree also has **blossoms**. Each blossom can grow an apple.





Skin

An apple is one fruit whose skin you can eat!

Stem

Leaf

Seed chambers

Seeds

There are 5 to 13 seeds in each apple.

Apples are grown all over the world.



Yummy Fruit

There are many different types of apples. Some are sweet and crunchy. Others are crisp and tart. Apples may have pink, red, yellow, green, or even dark purple skin. But they all have some things in common. Inside each apple, you will find five seed **chambers** that contain the seeds.



Growing Up from Seed to Apple

Apples are grown on every continent except Antarctica. Each yummy fruit grows on a tree that started from a seed.



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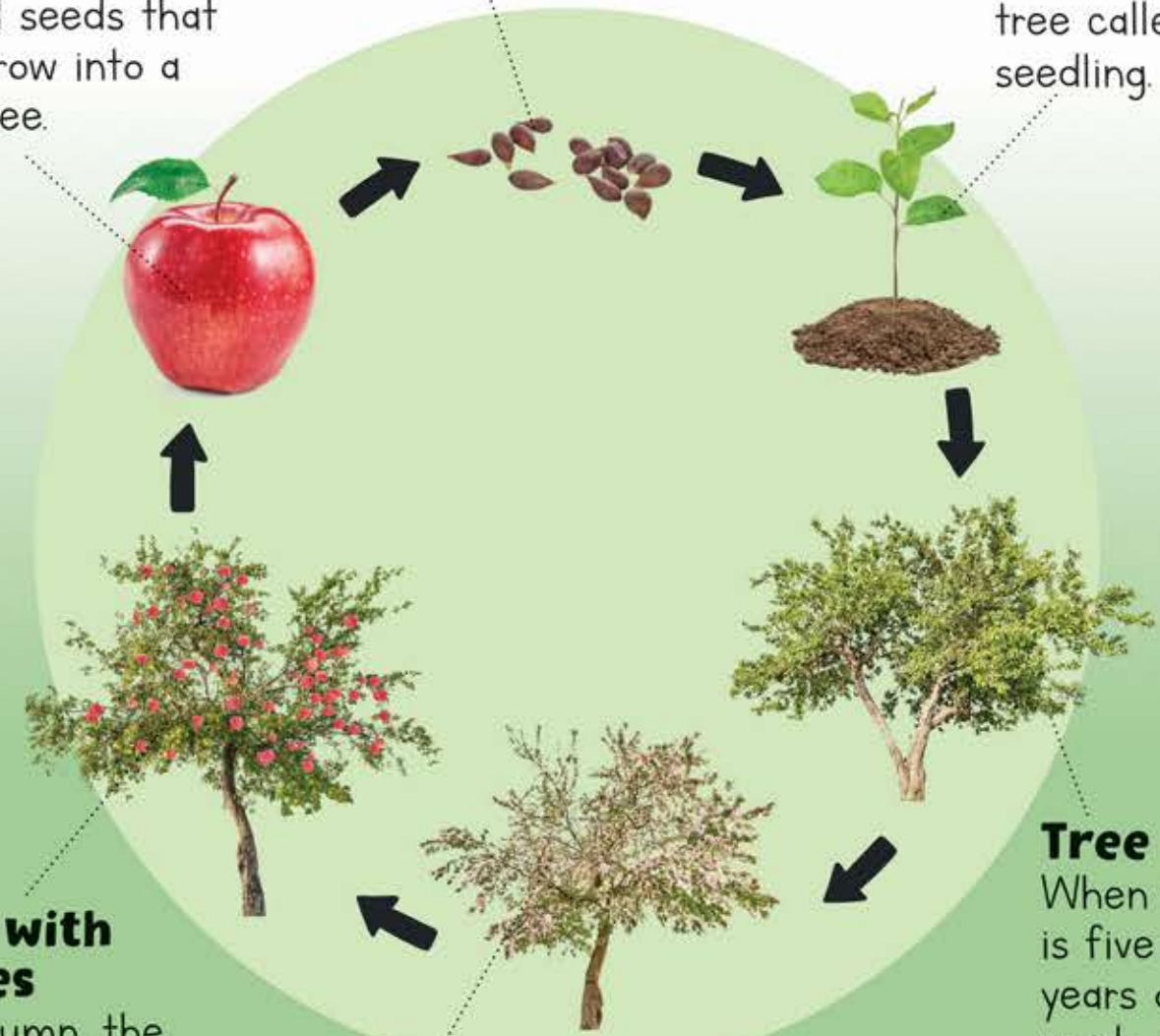
Apples that fall to the ground leave behind seeds that may grow into a new tree.

Seeds

The seeds from inside the apple sink into the ground.

Seedling

The seed grows into a baby tree called a seedling.



Tree with apples

In autumn, the apples are ripe. They are ready to eat. Yum!

Tree with blossoms

In spring, new branches grow and blossoms appear. After the blossoms fall off, apples start to grow.

Tree

When the tree is five to eight years old, it is ready to grow apples.