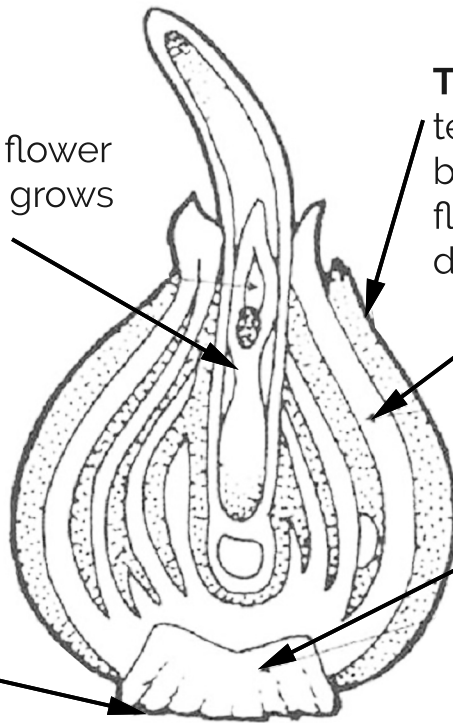


BULBS

A flower bulb is really a self-contained flower factory. Within this marvelous little package is nearly everything the flower needs to come to life! Split a tulip open, for instance, and you'll see its baby flower bud, leaves, roots, stem and food supply. All bulbs need from you is to be placed in the ground at the appropriate season of the year, given a liberal drink of water, then left to work their magic.

Flower Bud: a miniture flower is inside the bulb and it grows up through the middle.

Roots: The roots pull the bulb deeper into the ground as it grows. They collect water and nutrients from the soil.



Tunic: Thin paper-like texture that acts as the bulb's skin, protecting the fleshy scales under it from drying out.

Scales: Layers or leaves that store the food for the plant.

Stem: It is compact. Roots grow from the bottom and are the source of buds that will form into new bulbs.

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During the 1600s, tulips were so valuable in Holland that their bulbs were worth more than gold.