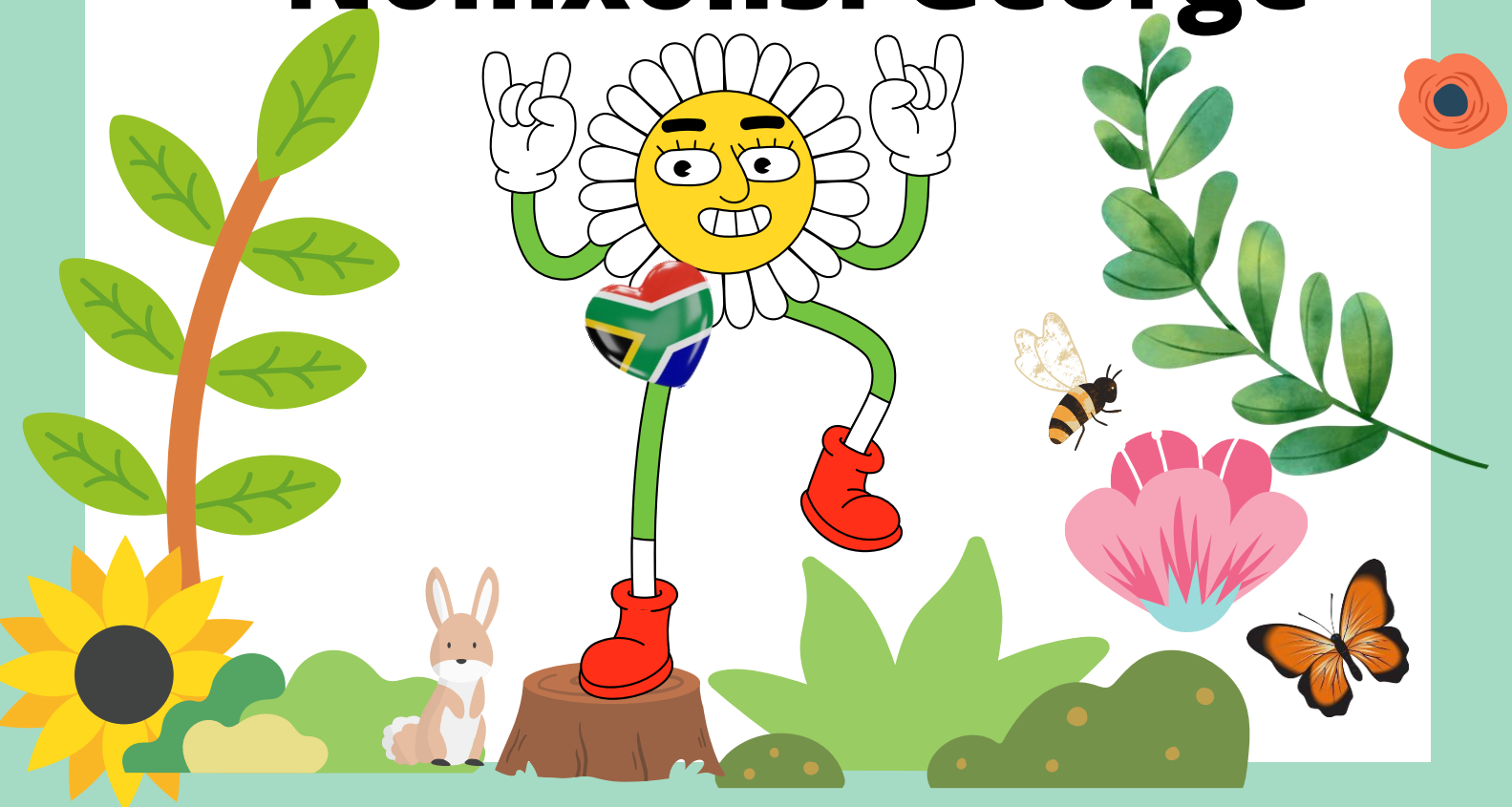
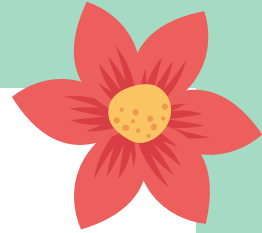
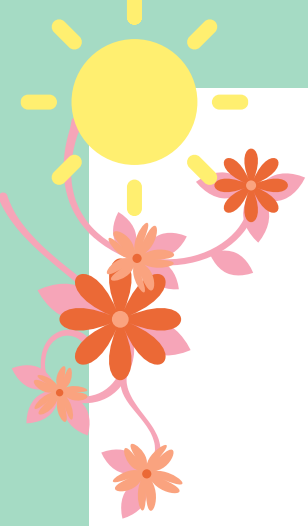


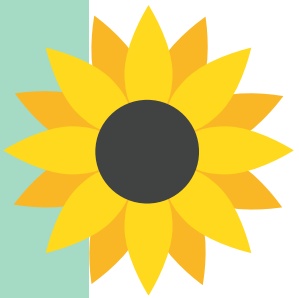
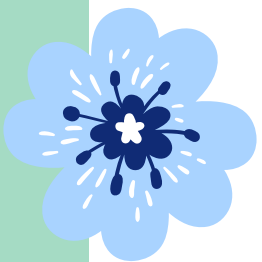
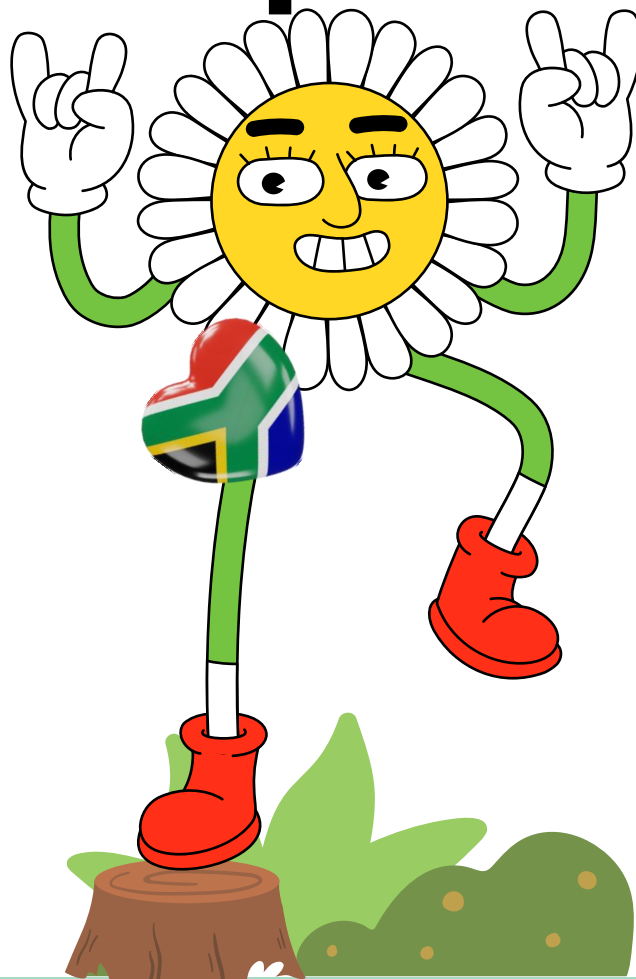


**Indigenous vs Exotic
plant species
by
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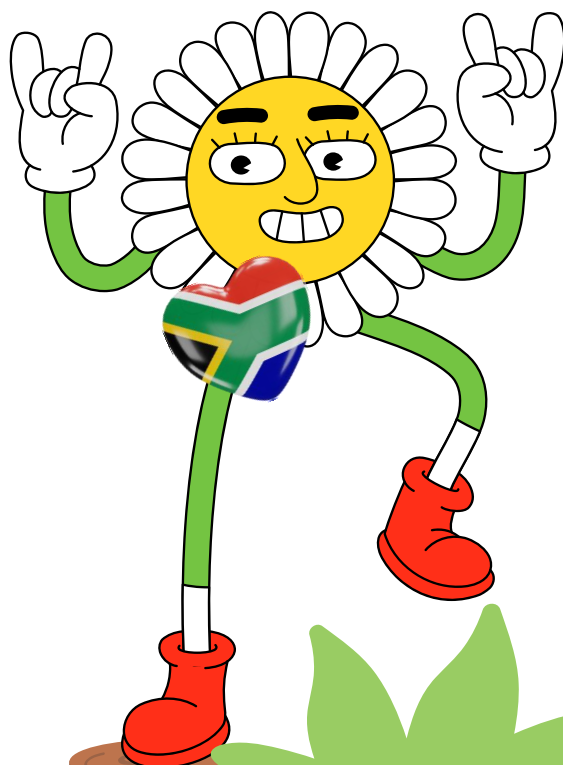
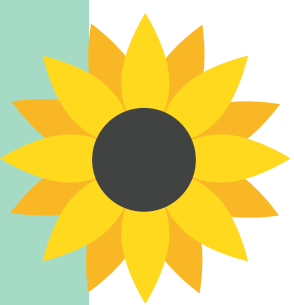
**Did you know that you
get indigenous and
exotic plants?**

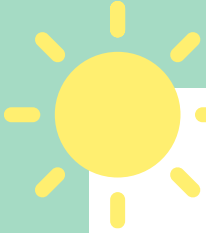




**You get various
types of plants in
different countries.**

**Did you know that plants
provide us with food,
fiber, shelter, medicine,
and fuel?**



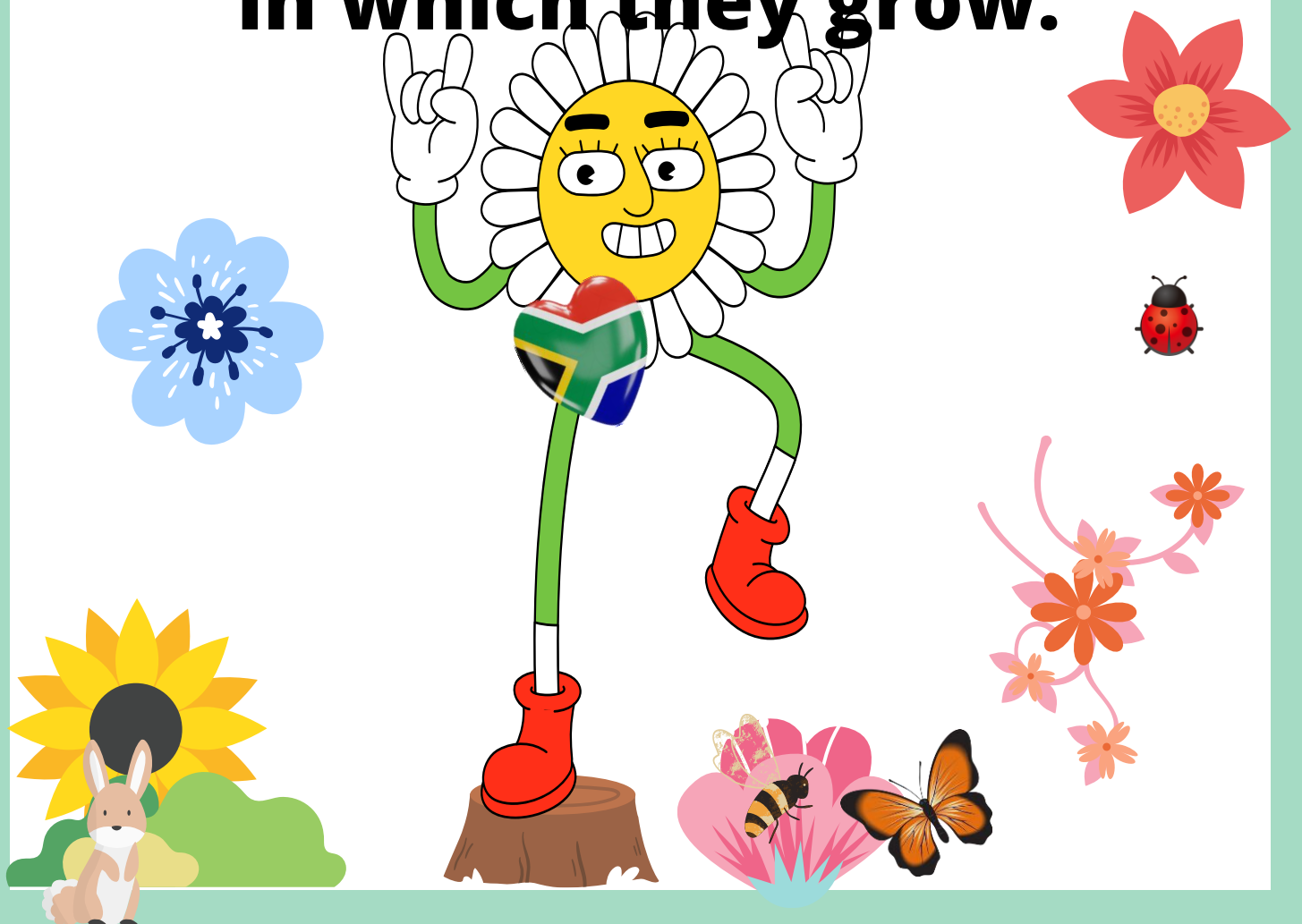


Indigenous plants occur naturally in your country.

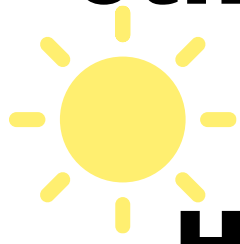
They grow within the borders of your country.

They grow in certain areas for a reason. They don't need a lot of water.

They protect the environment in which they grow.

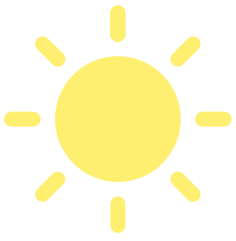


Exotic plants come from other countries to grow in your country.

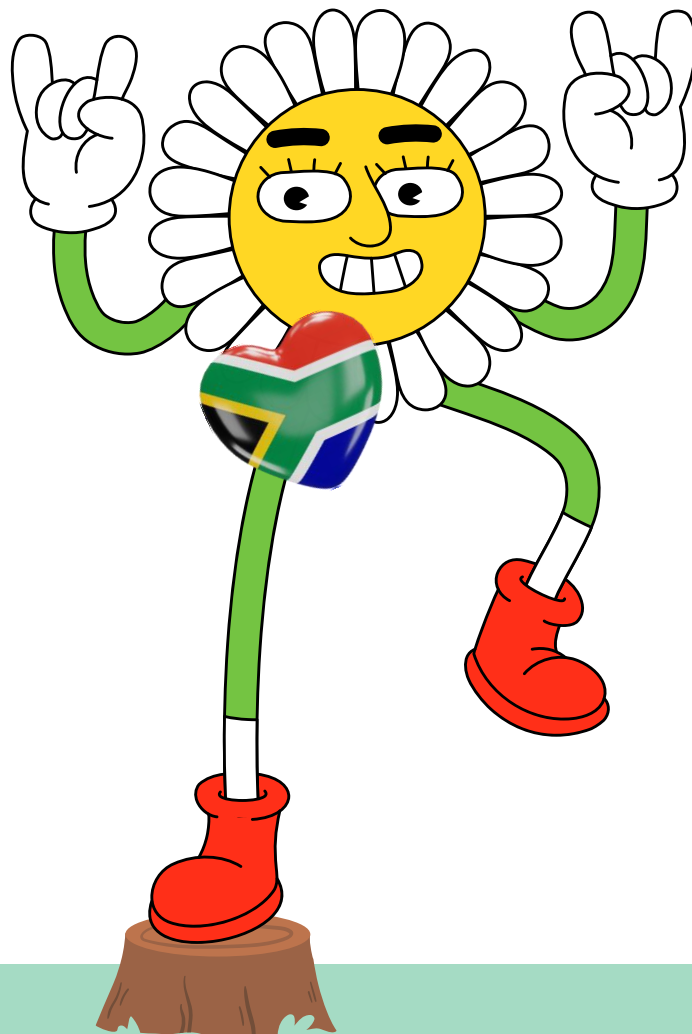


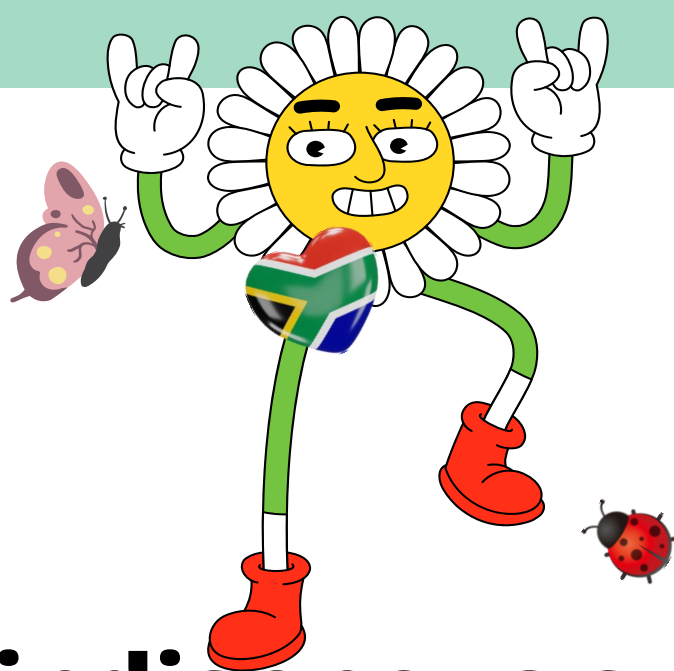
Humans plant them in your country for various reasons. Exotic plants love to take over the growing areas of indigenous plants and destroy them. Exotic plants need a lot of water.





**Let's find out
more about indigenous
and exotic plants
in South Africa**

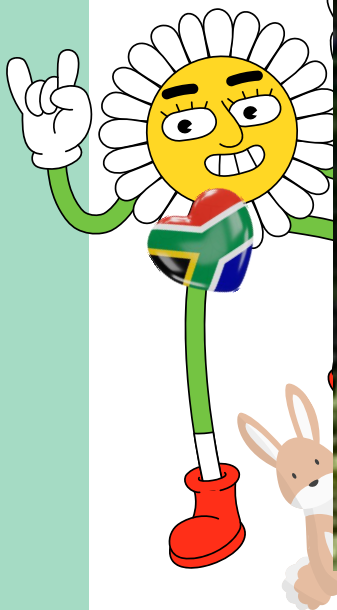
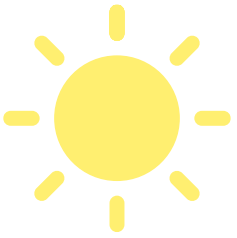





An indigenous ground cover is a plant that grows low on the ground and has a softwood stem.

In South Africa, we have an indigenous ground cover called *Dimorphotheca aurantiaca* “Namaqualand Daisy”





This sun loving groundcover  is Indigenous to Southern Africa and grows well in dry areas and prefers well-drained soil. Namaqualand daisy grows well from seed sowing, and the plant should flower nine weeks from seed sowing.

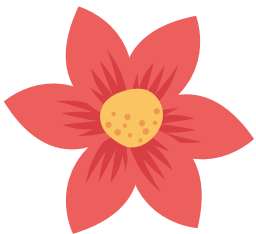


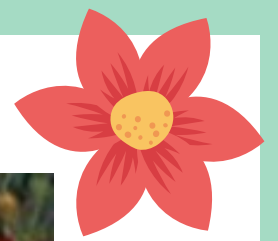
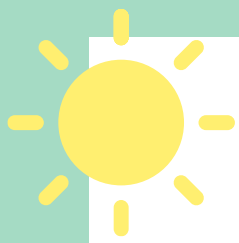


An exotic ground cover is a plant that grows low on the ground.



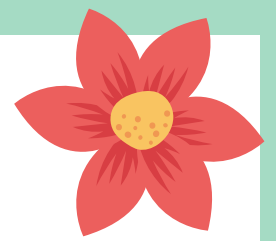
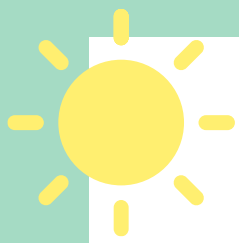
In South Africa, we have an exotic ground cover called *Gaillardia pulchella* "Indian Blanket".





Indian Blanket is a drought resistant plant which grows well in poor and dry soil. It comes from Northern America. Indian Blanket is not good for our environment. They will suck up all the nutrients and absorb water quicker than indigenous species





**What will you plant next
in your garden?**

INDIGENOUS PLANTS

or

EXOTIC PLANTS?

