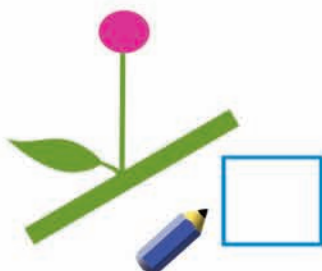


Have a really close look at the flowers in the garden. When you think you are looking at one huge flower, you might actually be looking at lots of tiny flowers arranged together on a stem.

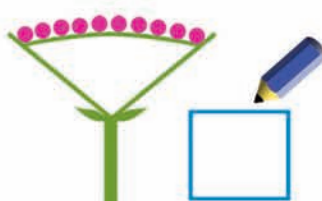
The ways that flowers are arranged on a plant is called an **inflorescence**. See how many of these types of inflorescences you can find. Tick them off as you go.



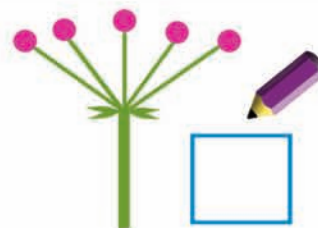
solitary - there is just one flower on a stem



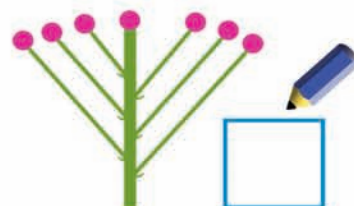
cluster - several flowers with stalks growing from the same point on a stem



flowerhead (capitulum) - stalkless florets are packed onto a disc like pad



umbel - flowers with stalks growing out of a single point at the top of a stem



corymb - can be flat topped or domed and the flowers with stalks alternate on the stem



spike - flowers without stalks grow from an unbranched stem



raceme - flowers with stalks grow from an unbranched stem



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Flowers come in many different shapes and colours. They are also grouped together in different ways on the stems of a plant. Take a really close look at all the flowers around the garden and see how many different types you can spot.

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