Amazing mushrooms

Mushrooms pop up from damp ground, tree trunks and soggy, rotting wood. They're the fruit of big, underground living things, called fungi.



Fungus quiz

Test how good your knowledge of mushrooms is in this fiendish fungus quiz.

- 1. Many mushrooms are poisonous, and have names or bright colouring that warn people and animals not to eat them. Can you guess which one of these mushrooms is safe to eat?
- a) Death cap
 b) Penny bun
 c) Destroying angels
 d) Deadly dapperling
 e) Fly agaric
- 2. The largest living thing in the world is a:
 - a) Honey fungus
 - b) Blue whale
 - c) Giant redwood tree
- 3. True or false? Mushrooms need sunlight to grow.

TRUE / FALSE



Super seeds

Mushrooms produce tiny, tiny seeds, called spores, which they spread in different ways.

Giant puffball mushrooms explode, sending a big puff of seeds high into the air.

5. True or false? Over 70 different types of mushroom glow in the dark.

