### 3.29 Life cycle of a coconut

Topic: Plants

Subtopic: Life cycles Activity type/skill: Cloze Literacy focus: Listening Genre: Information reports

#### **Objective**

- Listen to an extended text and record and remember details.
- Follow simple instructions.

#### What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)
- Audio track 3.29

#### What to do

- 1. Explain that students will hear a talk by a Samoan student about the life cycle of a coconut. Discuss coconuts, and if possible, examine a real one.
- 2. Play track 3.29 (Track 11 for this topic) and have students listen as they look at the first page of the student worksheet.
- 3. Look at the second page of the student worksheet and have students listen again and work in pairs to fill in the missing words in the top section it is a different text on the same subject.
- 4. Look at the bottom section of the student worksheet and explain that they need to prepare to be asked the questions in the boxes.
- 5. Play the track again and encourage them to take notes or draw pictures as they listen to prompt their memory later.
- 6. Get one student to choose a question and then choose a person in the group to answer it.
- 7. Give feedback on the amount and accuracy of information remembered and new vocabulary used accurately.

#### Answers:

seed

sea

soil

leaves

roots

soft plant

branches

flowers

pollinated

ten

ripe



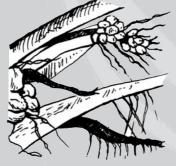
# A X Coconut Trees X



A coconut falls to the ground.



Soon it is covered by soil, it grows a shoot and roots.



Nuts grow from the flowers on the coconut tree.





The tree produces flowers.



It grows into a tall tree.

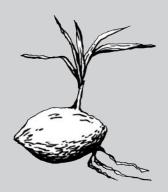
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## The life cycle of a coconut.

A coconut drops from a coconut palm. A coconut is the \_\_\_\_ of a coconut palm. It is a very large seed! This coconut falls on the ground but sometimes coconuts fall into the \_\_\_ and are carried a long way from the tree they fell from.



The coconut is soon covered by \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_. When the conditions are right the coconut grows a shoot and some \_\_\_\_. The shoot grows out of a \_\_\_\_ part in the hard skin of the coconut.



Slowly the young \_ \_ \_ grows into a small tree. It has a thin trunk. It has no \_ \_ \_ \_ and long thin leaves.

Soon the coconut tree produces \_\_\_\_\_. They are a creamy colour. These flowers are \_\_\_\_\_ by bees and become new coconuts.

The nuts grow and in about \_ \_ \_ months they are large and \_ \_ \_ and ready to drop from the tree.

С	Tell me one thing about the coconut seed.	What happens when a coconut starts to grow?
	What is a young tree like?	Describe the flowers on a coconut tree.
	Tell me something about the growing nuts.	Tell me all you can about one part of the coconut's lifecycle.