

Edward Lear's Silliness!

When you have managed to stop giggling your task is to come up with your own example of nonsense botany. Some of you might start by coming up with a silly name and then get cracking at drawing it. Others may start with the drawing and then decide on a name. Whatever your approach your aim is total and utter silliness! Let your imagination run wild.

You may want to use Greek or Latin words to help you to think of some crazy plants. Get creative! The following tables have some examples to help you to get started.

Try working this one out. What would a *Blennodes dysodes axilla* plant look like?. Don't worry. It's an imaginary plant!

BODY PARTS / PLANT PARTS		
Botanical Name	Origin	English meaning
<i>oura</i>	Greek	tail
<i>ceras</i>	Greek	horn
<i>pterus</i>	Greek	wing, feather
<i>pogon</i>	Greek	beard
<i>podos</i>	Greek	foot
<i>otos</i>	Greek	ear
<i>rhinos</i>	Greek	nose
<i>glotta</i>	Greek	tongue
<i>thrix</i>	Greek	hair
<i>cirrus</i>	Latin	curl or ringlet
<i>dactylos</i>	Greek	finger
<i>dentis</i>	Latin	tooth
<i>cephale</i>	Greek	head
<i>cilium</i>	Latin	eyelash
<i>axilla</i>	Greek	arm pit
<i>labrum</i>	Latin	lip
<i>crus</i>	Latin	leg
<i>derma</i>	Greek	skin
<i>digitus</i>	Latin	finger
<i>papula</i>	Latin	pimple
<i>carpus</i>	From the Greek word <i>carpos</i>	fruit
<i>rhiza</i>	Greek	root
<i>phyllus</i>	Greek	leaves
<i>anthus</i>	Greek	flower

NUMBERS		
Botanical Name	Origin	English meaning
<i>bi</i>	Latin	two
<i>hemi</i>	Greek	half
<i>tetra</i>	Greek	four
<i>treis</i>	Greek	three
<i>ennea</i>	Greek	nine
<i>hex</i>	Greek	six

ADJECTIVES (DESCRIBING WORDS)		
Botanical Name	Origin	English meaning
<i>grandis</i>	Latin	large, tall
<i>abrus</i>	From the Greek word <i>abros</i>	dainty, soft
<i>lasios</i>	Greek	hairy
<i>blennodes</i>	Greek	slimy, mucous
<i>brotos</i>	Greek	edible
<i>dysodes</i>	Greek	evil-smelling
<i>phileo</i>	Greek	to love
<i>errygion</i>	From the Greek word <i>errygano</i>	to belch
<i>gastrodes</i>	Greek	pot-bellied
<i>odes</i>	Greek	meaning like, same as
<i>heteros</i>	Greek	different
<i>hybos</i>	Greek	hump-backed
<i>cotyle</i>	Greek	small
<i>lepto</i>	From the Greek word <i>Leptos</i>	thin
<i>scabiosus</i>	Greek	scabby or mangy
<i>venosus</i>	Latin	full of veins
<i>campylos</i>	Greek	bent
<i>concinnus</i>	Latin	pretty
<i>cyclos</i>	Latin	circular
<i>gracilis</i>	Latin	thin
<i>hamulus</i>	Latin	hooked
<i>rhagodes</i>	Greek	berry-like
<i>oxy</i>	Greek	sharp
<i>obliquus</i>	Greek	slanty
<i>squamosus</i>	Greek	covered in scales

NOUNS (PERSON PLACE OR OBJECT)		
Botanical Name	Origin	English meaning
<i>aster</i>	Greek	star
<i>raphis</i>	Greek	needle
<i>ilys</i>	Greek	mud
<i>limno</i>	From the Latin word <i>limne</i>	marshy lake
<i>ophio</i>	From the Greek word <i>ophis</i>	snake
<i>pilo</i>	From the Greek word <i>pilos</i>	hat
<i>spiculum</i>	Latin	a sharp point or sting
<i>xylon</i>	Greek	wood
<i>allas</i>	Greek	sausage
<i>arachno</i>	From the Greek word <i>Arachne</i>	spider's web
<i>toxicum</i>	Latin	poison
<i>cochlear</i>	Latin	spoon
<i>eremos</i>	Greek	desert
<i>cola</i>	Latin	inhabitant
<i>favus</i>	Latin	honey comb
<i>fraga</i>	Latin	strawberries
<i>fucus</i>	Latin	seaweed

COLOURS		
Botanical Name	Origin	English meaning
<i>cyanoeous</i>	Greek	blue
<i>chrysos</i>	Greek	gold
<i>favus</i>	Latin	yellow
<i>xanthos</i>	Greek	yellow
<i>albus</i>	Latin	white
<i>argent</i>	Latin	sliver
<i>chloros</i>	Greek	green
<i>ruber</i>	Latin	red
<i>purpura</i>	Latin	purple
<i>leucos</i>	Greek	white
<i>melano</i>	Greek	black