

DANDELION SUITE

Photos:

1. In the Landscape



2. The Plant



3. The Flower



4. The Floret – Labeled Parts



Interesting Questions:

1. Dandelion, in French, is _____? and means _____?
Look at the shape of the leaves!
2. Why are dandelions called weeds?
3. How can dandelions live in very difficult places – cracks in sidewalks, gravel etc.
4. What part may be used for salad?
5. What part may be used to make wine?

Answers:

1. “dent de lion” means tooth of a lion.
The leaves have big notches that look like teeth.
2. Dandelions are called weeds, like many beautiful “weeds” or wild flowers, because they grow in places where we don’t want them – where we wish to grow crops, flowers or vegetables.

3. Dandelions can grow in poor soil because of their very long tap root (like a long carrot) to take in nutrients and water at deeper levels.
4. Unsprayed and washed young dandelion leaves can be used to make salads.
5. Flower heads, with green petals removed, can be used to make wine.

Bonus:

1. What other uses can you find in your web research or speaking with your grandparent.
2. Can you label the parts of this dandelion floret now?

