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**The Crucifer Family**

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It may seem odd to you that your plant belongs to a family, but it’s true. Of course, it’s not the kind of family with aunts and cousins and sisters. Think of it more as a group of plants that are alike in some ways.

Your *Brassica* plant belongs to the crucifer family. Crucifers have one thing in common. This feature gives the plants their family name. Here is a hint. The shape of their flowers is always like this:

Did you figure out how the crucifer family got its name? The reason is that the crucifer flower always has four petals arranged in a cross. Scientists group all these flowers into the crucifer family.

**Petal**

**Anther**

**Stigma**

**Pistil**

**Petal Stigma**

**Anther**

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