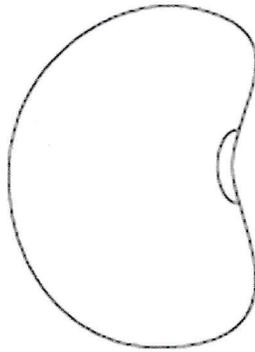


**A
Sprouting
Bean**

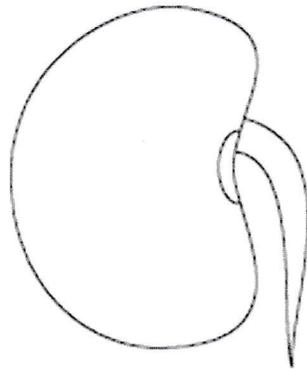
By _____

A bean seed will soon
grow and become a
bean plant.



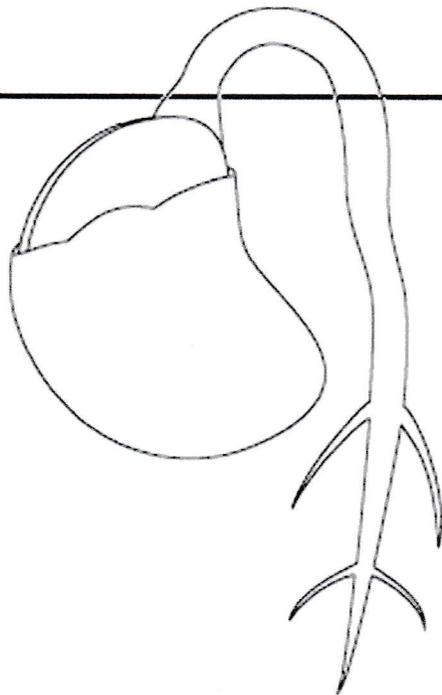
This is a seed.

The first root (called
the radicle) pokes
through the seed coat
and grows downward.

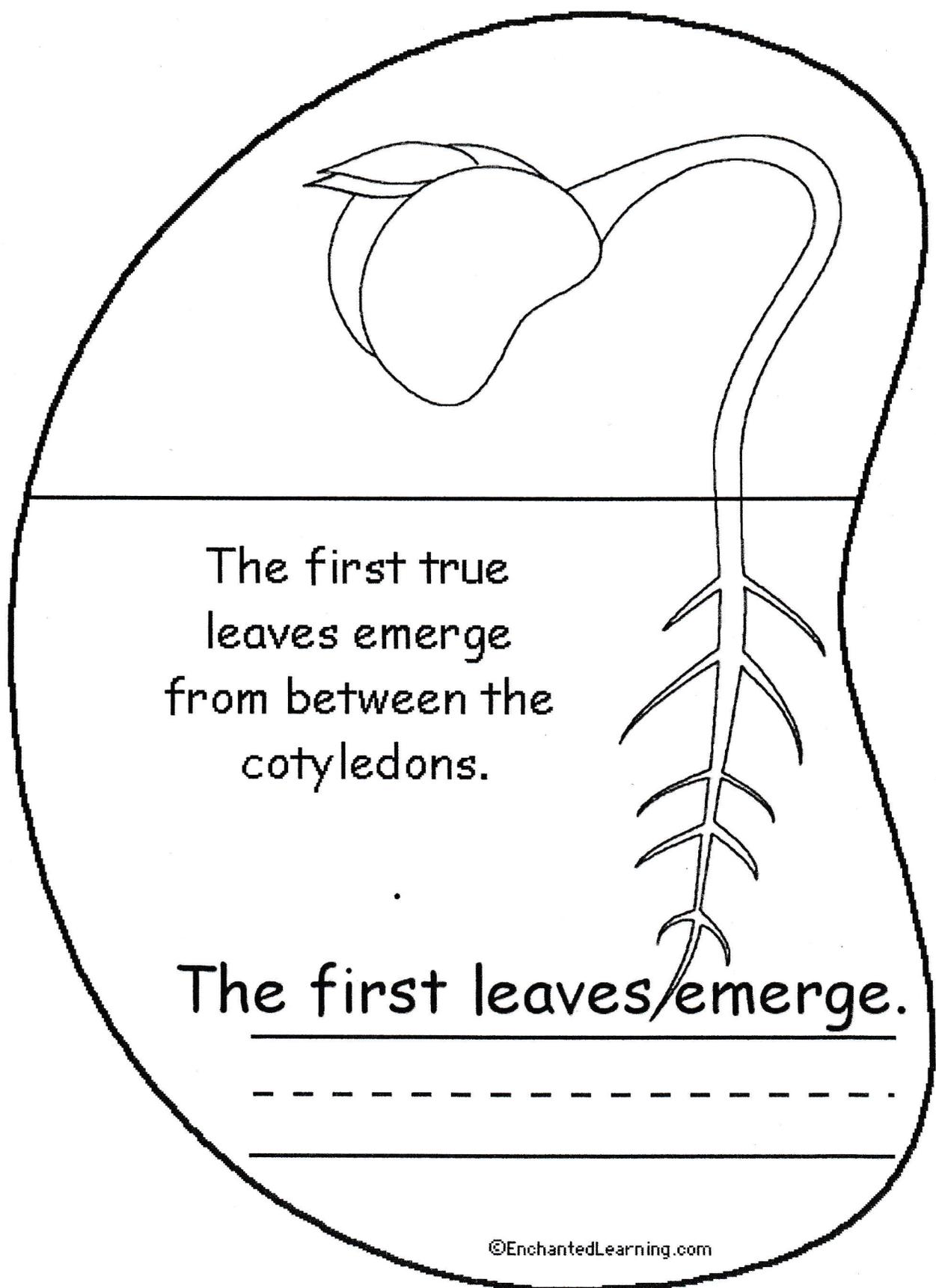


A root grows first.

The root grows, and
the part near the seed
pokes through the soil
- it will be the stem.

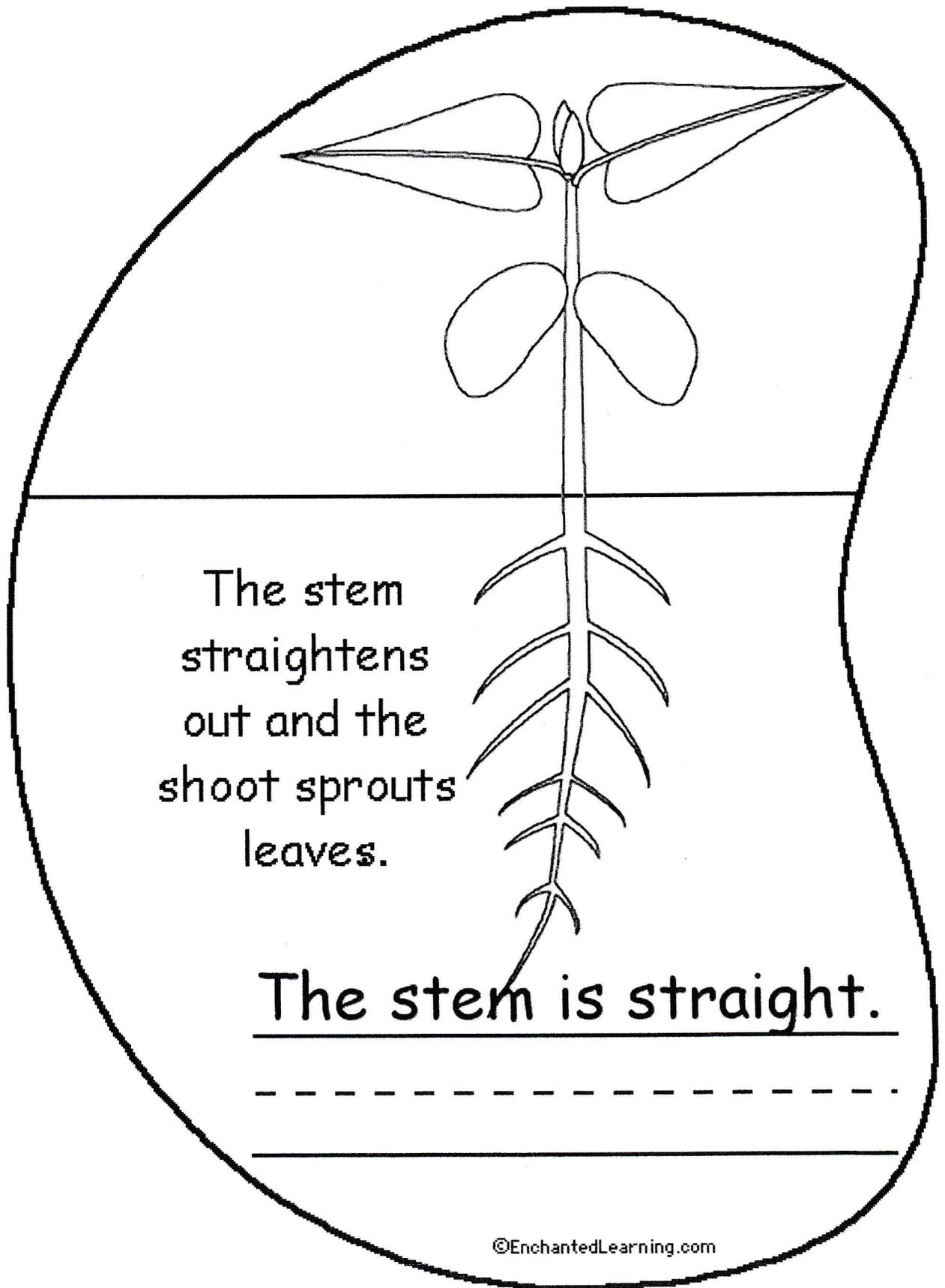


The root grows.



The first true
leaves emerge
from between the
cotyledons.

The first leaves emerge.



The stem
straightens
out and the
shoot sprouts
leaves.

The stem is straight.