

Bonsai



Bonsai are miniature trees that have been trained to grow in small containers.

Bonsai have been developed mainly by the Japanese culture.

Many different types of trees can be grown as bonsai.

The natural growth of the trunks and branches are shaped by wires through an artistic process called cultivation. Cutting roots and branches helps the bonsai grow. This cutting process is called pruning.



There is a lot of art involved in growing bonsai.

The sizes of everything must be balanced.

The trunk, leaves, flowers and the container it grows in should all harmonize in size, shape and colour.

It takes a lot of time, patience and care for bonsai to grow. Growth is slow, especially with the extra care and cultivation.

Through time, bonsai grow into elegant plants. It reminds us that beauty takes time to develop and is found in simple things.



Questions

1. What are bonsai?

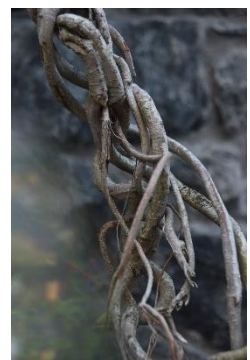


2. Which culture has mainly developed bonsai?

3. What is pruning?

4. What does harmonise mean?

5. What things need to be balanced when growing a bonsai?



6. What are three things needed to help a bonsai grow well?
