

What are the functions of the stem?

- Transports water and nutrients
- Supports tree canopy
- Barks **protect** the tree

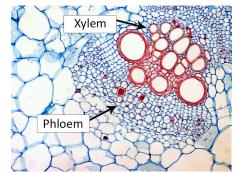


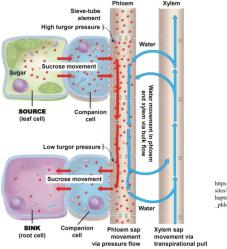




What is inside the stem?

- Xylem, dead tissues that transport nutrients down the plant.
- *Phloem, living* tissues that transport water up the plant.
- Phloem becomes xylem as more phloem grows from the center of the stem.





https://highered.mheducation.com/ sites/9834092339/student_view0/c hapter38/animation_-_phloem_loading.html

What stems do human eat?

- Celery
- Kale
- Green Onions
- Asparagus
- Rhubarb
- Broccoli
- Bamboo Shoots
- Leeks

