

SENSATIONAL SCIENTIST – AGNES ARBER ANSWERS

Q1. At what age did Agnes first discover the building blocks of life?

A1. She was 13 years old when she first heard about plant cells, the tiny building blocks of life.

Q2. What do you think the prefix mono means? There is a clue in the article to help you.

A2. Mono means one or single. The clue is in monocotyledons, meaning one or single leaf.

Q3. Who took an interest and believed in Agnes?

A3. Ethel Sargant saw how much Agnes loved botany and Agnes was then asked to work for her.

Q4. What did Agnes become an expert researcher in?

A4. She became an expert in seedlings that have just one leaf, known as monocotyledons.

Q5. Put a T or an F in the boxes next to each statement to say whether the information is true or false.

A5. ☐ T Agnes wrote poetry as well as studying plants.

☐ F Agnes wrote 93 books and 8 scientific papers.

☐ T Agnes's study of the ivy-leaved toadflax was published in a school magazine.

☐ F Agnes was born in 1979.

☐ T Agnes set up her own lab at home with no electricity.

