

SENSATIONAL SCIENTIST – AGNES ARBER ANSWERS

Q1. At what age did Agnes first hear about 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 invited Agnes to work in her lab during the holidays?

A3. Ethel Sargant

Q4. When did Agnes's career as a plant scientist begin?

A4. It began when she was just 13.



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.

