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**Helpful Answers**

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A. Some amaryllis bulbs sprout leaves first, and then the flower.

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A. The stored bulb contains all the “food” your amaryllis needs to sprout and bloom.

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A. As individual flowers start to fade, you can carefully snip them off. Once all flowers on a flower stalk has faded, cut the stem back to within a few inches of the bulb.

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