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FLOVERS

Weeds or

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hard on your knees and hand
some pick weeds. Can you? It can be
lots of kids help in the garden.
Can you tell a good plant from a weed? At times, it is easy. At times, it is hard. At times, even adults make mistakes.
pretty flower. It is not a weed.

be in your garden. It is a tulip. It has a

See the plant on this page. It might
roads. It is a weed. Why?
purple loosestrife. It grows on sides of
See this plant. It is pretty, too. It is
Purple loosestrife spreads quickly over a field. Soon it takes all the space. Good plants die. So purple loosestrife is a weed.
You know this plant. It is a dandelion.

In spring, fields of dandelions look very pretty. But then the yellow flower changes.
Dandelion flowers turn to puffballs. Winds blow them away. Ugly leaves are left. The puffballs are seeds. They make even more weeds!
This plant is sweet clover. Farmers like it to feed cows. And this clover makes farmland better.
But in your yard, clover is a weed. It stops the remaining plants from growing.
Gardeners and most kids like sunflowers. Bright sunflowers might make you smile. You would not call it a weed.
Some farmers plant sunflowers. They sell sunflower seeds.

And some farmers call sunflowers weeds. Why? The golden flower can wreck cornfields.
Ideas about weeds change. At one time, goldenrod was just a weed. Doctors thought it made humans sneeze. It did not.
Now gardeners plant goldenrod. It is pretty. Butterflies like these bright flowers.
It is good to fight weeds and make a garden pretty. And it is good to help your mom and dad.