

Mushroom Magic

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The *mushroom* wears a rounded *cap*.
Beneath the cap are little flaps.
These flaps, called *gills*, are filled with scores
of microscopic mushroom *spores*.

Breezes blow them in the air.
Mushroom spores land everywhere--
on rotting logs, on grassy patches,
forest floors, and leafy thatches.

Each spore dispatches tiny threads.
In spongy soil, the threads grow webs.
From *web-like roots*, a globe-shaped *bud*
pushes upward through the mud.

Upon a slender *stalk* so small
grows a dainty parasol.
See the little mushrooms sprout
like wee umbrellas popping out?



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