



**gills!**

Many, many mushrooms make spores with gills, flat structures that can be paper-thin or thicker and waxy, spaced close together or wide apart.



Some mushrooms release spores through pores on their underside. These holes can be tiny or very large, and often (but not always) are found on shelf-like mushrooms.



**pores!**





**teeth!**

A small number of mushrooms have "teeth," or little spines that point down at the earth. Each tooth is coated with spores.



Ridges can look like gills, but they can't be cleanly separated from the mushroom. They're more like mushroom wrinkles!



*ridges!*





# puffballs!

These mushrooms look like balls at first (as small as a peanut or as big as a soccer ball) until their spores are ready. Then a hole forms in the middle and POOF, the spores puff out in a cloud every time a raindrop hits the mushroom.





This kind of mushroom can look almost just like an ocean coral. They make lots of branches that point up to the sky (rather than down to the earth like "teeth" mushrooms).

**corals!**





***cups!***

These fungi make spores on the inside of their cup-shaped mushrooms. When raindrops hit them they bounce spores out and skyward!

Sometimes when a mushroom looks really odd, it's because another fungus is in currently eating it! Fungi who have this lifecycle are called *parasitic*.



**parasitized!**

