

Life on a Windowsill

[Two potted plants are sitting on a windowsill.
A human enters with a pitcher of water.]

FERN: It's about time! My leaves are drooping.

IVY: Keep your flowerpot on! The human always comes through. Mmm, the water is good! ●

FERN: My leaves are just not as green as I'd like.
I want the human to raise the window shade.

[Light appears on the plants.]

FERN: There we go! Move over Ivy, I'm bending toward the light. ●

IVY: Please don't hog all the sunlight. There's plenty for both of us. Ahh! That sunshine feels wonderful. I feel a new leaf opening.

FERN: That sunshine makes me feel healthy and strong. And your new leaf is cute, cute, cute.

IVY: Thanks, I'm always proud of new growth.

Strategy This is a good place to ask a question: Why is Ivy saying, "Mmm"? What is happening?

Skill Fern seems to complain a lot. You might draw the conclusion that Fern is a complainer. Can you draw other conclusions?