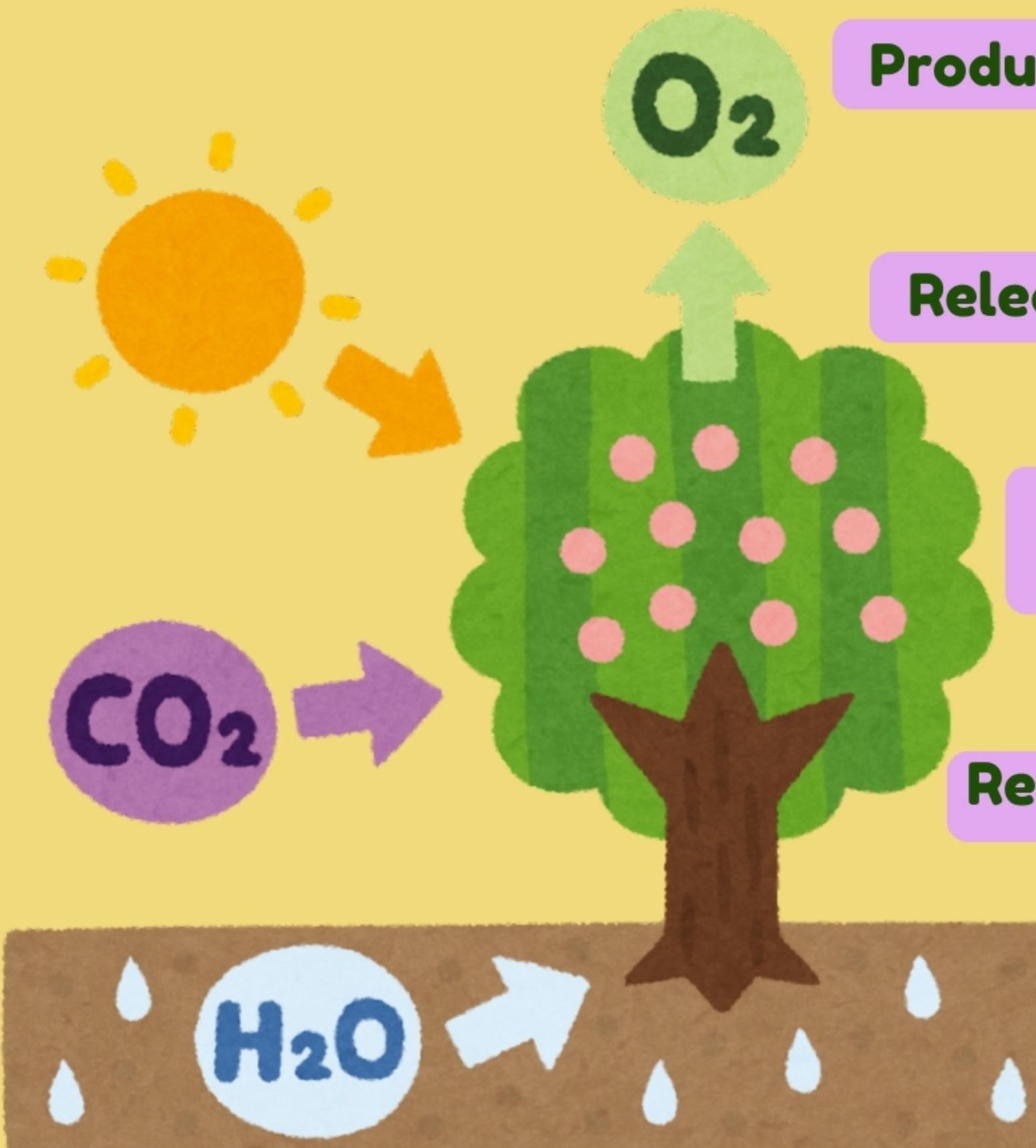


IMPORTANCE OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS



Produces food for plants and all living organisms.

Releases oxygen needed for respiration.

Maintains balance of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Reduces global warming by absorbing carbon dioxide.

Forms the basis of fossil fuels over millions of years.