

## Making Perfume

Lin loved lots of smells. She loved the smell of flowers. She loved the forest smell of pine needles. She loved the smell of oranges and lemons.

Lin wondered how people made perfumes. How did they get smells out of things in nature? Her mother took her to a perfume factory to see. A tour guide told them lots of things about perfumes.

The guide said that perfumes are made from oils. The oils once all came from nature. They came from flowers, leaves, fruits, roots, and seeds. Oils from these sources are still used. But scientists can now make many of the same smells in their labs. They also make new smells that are not in nature.

Lin watched people getting oils out of things. Some people squeezed them out. Some people boiled them out. Some people were putting flower petals on big, flat trays. They covered the petals with pork fat. The fat would pull out the sweet smells.

The guide said that as many as 300 different smells can go into one perfume. People who make perfumes must have a good sense of smell. They must know how to put different kinds of smells together.

Lin thought about her sense of smell. How good was it? She wondered if some day she might make perfumes.

1. What are some ways in which people get oils for perfumes?
2. Why is Lin interested in perfume?