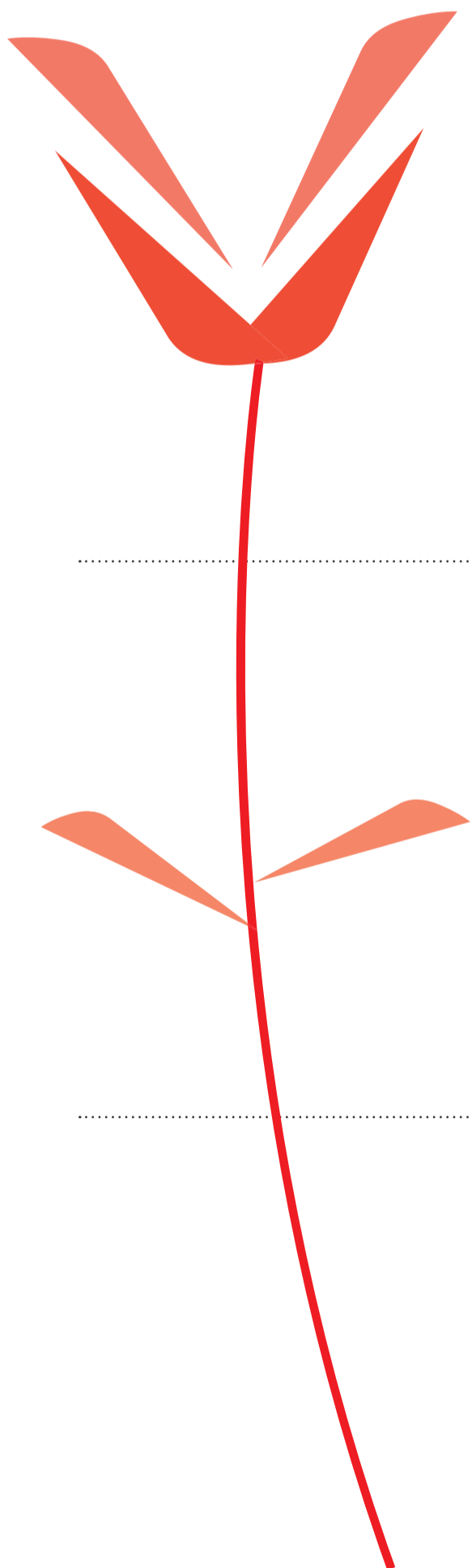




## Flower Grading Standards

Our Grading system provides a standard way of describing flowers being sold in the Realtime Marketplace.

We use a 3 digit number to describe the different parts of the flower, the first is the flower head, the second is the foliage/leaves and the third number represents the stem. The higher the number, higher quality can be expected. So, a grading FLOWER:LEAVES:STEMS, for example, 9:7:8 means the flower is a good size, tight and clean, the leaves have good colour with young tips and that the stem is slightly bent but clean.



### Flowers

	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>Good Size</b> Flower is of normal size or larger	✓		✓		✓				✓	
<b>Small Size</b> Flower is smaller than normal		✓		✓		✓				
<b>Tight</b> Flower is at the correct stage of development	✓	✓					✓			
<b>Slightly Open</b> The 1st flower is starting to open but in the case of the rose has not gone soft			✓	✓			✓	✓		
<b>Opening</b> The flower is ideal for immediate use					✓	✓		✓		
<b>Clean</b> Disease free and undamaged	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

Used if no flower

### Leaves

	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>Good Colour</b> Foliage is a healthy colour	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	
<b>Pale Colour</b> Foliage is pale due to being picked early or malnourished		✓		✓		✓		✓		
<b>Well Formed</b> Leaf is of good shape & size	✓	✓			✓	✓				
<b>Young Tips</b> Foliage has young growth that may wilt easily			✓	✓						
<b>Clean/Undamaged</b> Free of damage from insects, disease or dirt	✓	✓	✓	✓						

Used if no leaves

### Stems

	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>Straight</b> Stem is straight when held vertical	✓		✓				✓			
<b>Slightly Bent</b> Stem has slightly more bend when held vertical than normal		✓		✓		✓		✓		
<b>Slightly Weak</b> Stem stands up when vertical, but bends more than normally when held at an angle			✓	✓					✓	
<b>Weak</b> Stem has trouble holding flowers up						✓				
<b>Clean/Undamaged</b> Free of damage from insects, disease or dirt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

Used if no stem