MUSHROOM ANATOMY

The aboveground part of the mushroom is the FRUITING BODY

CAP Protects the gills

VOLVA

Pieces of universal veil that stay attached to the bottom of the stem

GILLS

Produce and release spores

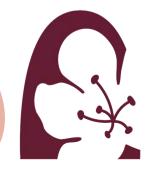
RING

Leftover from early growth (partial veil)

Supports the cap

MYCELIUM

Underground part of mushroom, sucks up nutrients



SPORES Next mushroom generation

FAST FACT

The **universal veil** covers and protects the cap and gills during growth.