



Essential Question

How can people help out their community?



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Let's Help Out!

This garden was once an empty lot filled with garbage. A few neighbors thought of a solution to this problem. Their idea was to make a garden.

- ▶ We cleaned up the lot.
- ▶ We planted flowers and plants.

Talk About It



Work with a partner. Think of some ways you can help out in your community. Write your ideas on the word web.



Vocabulary

Use the picture and sentence to learn each word.



across

We walked **across** the street.

Tell about something else you might walk across.



borrow

I like to **borrow** books from the library in my town.

What are some things you might borrow?



countryside

The quiet **countryside** is full of grass and trees.

Tell about some other things you might find in the countryside.



idea

Ling had an **idea** for how to make a paper crane.

Name an idea you have for a game to play.



insists

Mom **insists** we wear our seatbelts.

What is something your teacher insists on?



lonely

Gabe was **lonely** when his friend moved away.

When have you felt lonely?



solution

Dylan found a **solution** for his problem.

What is a solution for spilled milk?



villages

Few people live in the small **villages** on the mountain.

Tell what you might see in small villages.

Your Turn

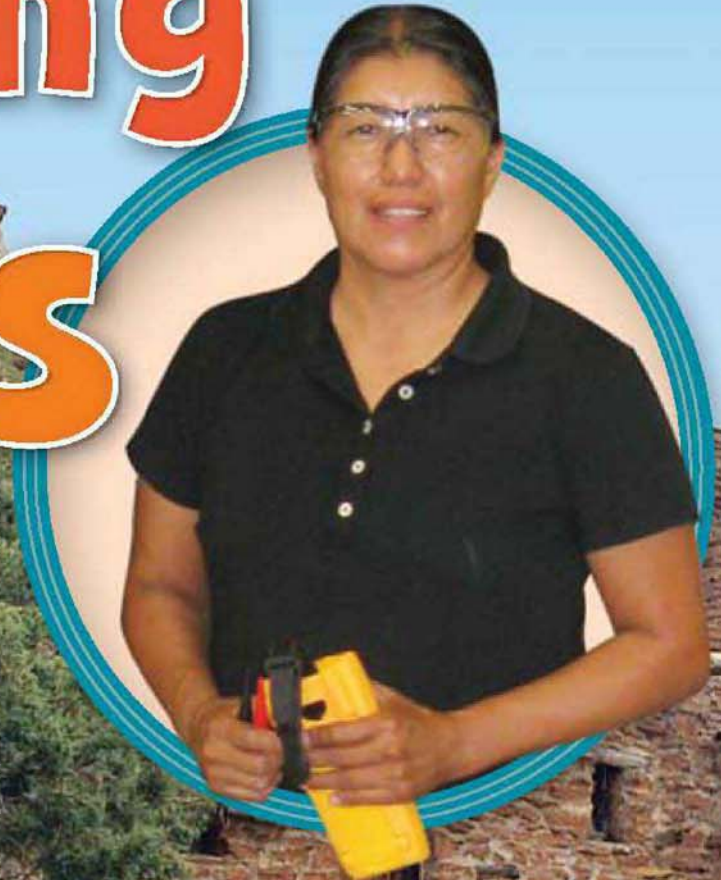
COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Write three questions for your partner to answer.

Go Digital! Use the online visual glossary

Lighting Lives



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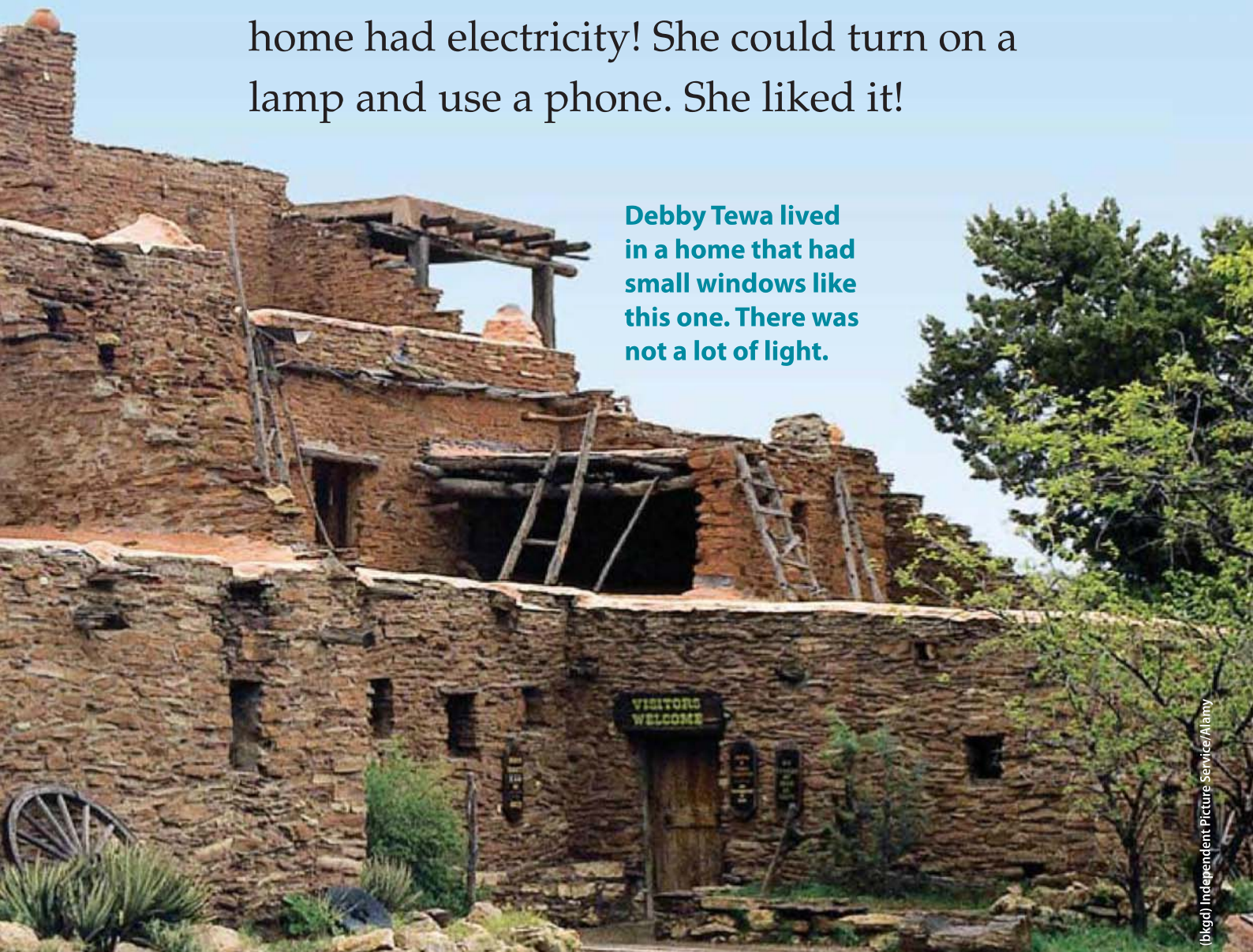
How can people help out their community?

Read to learn how one person is helping people in her community.

When Debby Tewa was your age, her home had no electricity. She could not flip a light switch to read at night. She lit a candle. She could not cook on a stove or in a microwave oven. Her family cooked over a fire.

Debby lived in Arizona. When she was ten, she moved to a new home. Her new home had electricity! She could turn on a lamp and use a phone. She liked it!

Debby Tewa lived in a home that had small windows like this one. There was not a lot of light.



As she grew, Debby realized she wanted to learn more about solar power. Solar power is electricity that comes from the sun. Solar panels are put on the roof of a building. The sunlight hits these panels and turns the sunlight into electricity.

Debby thought a lot about solar power. Then she had an **idea**! She was excited. She went to work for a company that provided solar power to people's homes. She believed it would be a good **solution** for people who had no electricity. Debby likes solving problems!





Solar Panels are now used on many homes.

Debby also thought of people in **villages** like the one she lived in as a child. The people in these small towns did not have any electricity. Solar power would work well there because there is a lot of sun in Arizona. Debby decided to help these families get solar power.

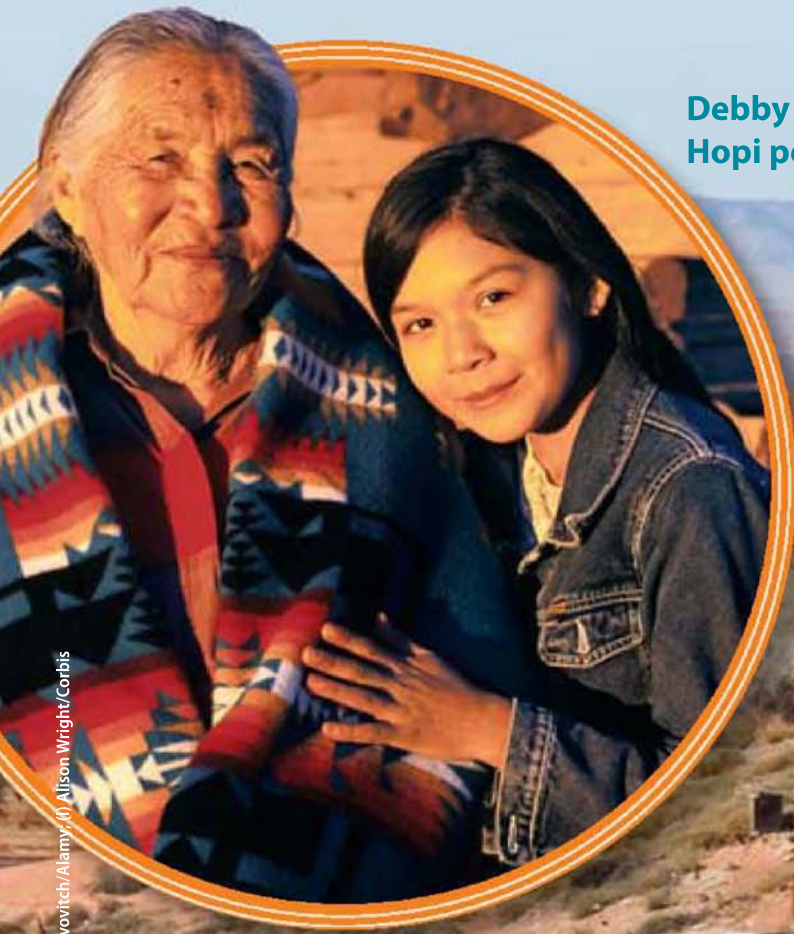
To get a family started, Debby helps them **borrow** money from a bank to buy the panels. After they get the money from the bank, they have some time to pay the money back. And the good news is there is no cost for using the sun's power!



Debby travels **across** lands outside cities in Arizona and New Mexico. She travels to the **countryside**. She helps Hopi and Navajo people get solar power.

Debby believes deeply in her work and **insists** that families learn about how solar power can help them. They are happy to do what she demands. Debby also travels to schools and summer camps to teach Hopi children about solar energy.

Debby helps many Hopi people.



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Debby drives her truck from place to place. It is **lonely** with no one riding along. Then she thinks about how exciting it was to use electricity for the first time. Now families can do the things you do without thinking about them. They can heat their homes or turn on a light! Debby says she is, “lighting up people’s lives.”

Make Connections



How does Debby help her community? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Talk with a partner about solar power. Could you use it where you live? **TEXT TO SELF**