





Talk About It

Why do you think people like to grow plants?



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Plants Alive!

Vocabulary

burst
drifts
desert
drowns
gently
neighbor



Context Clues

Context clues help you figure out the meaning of a word.

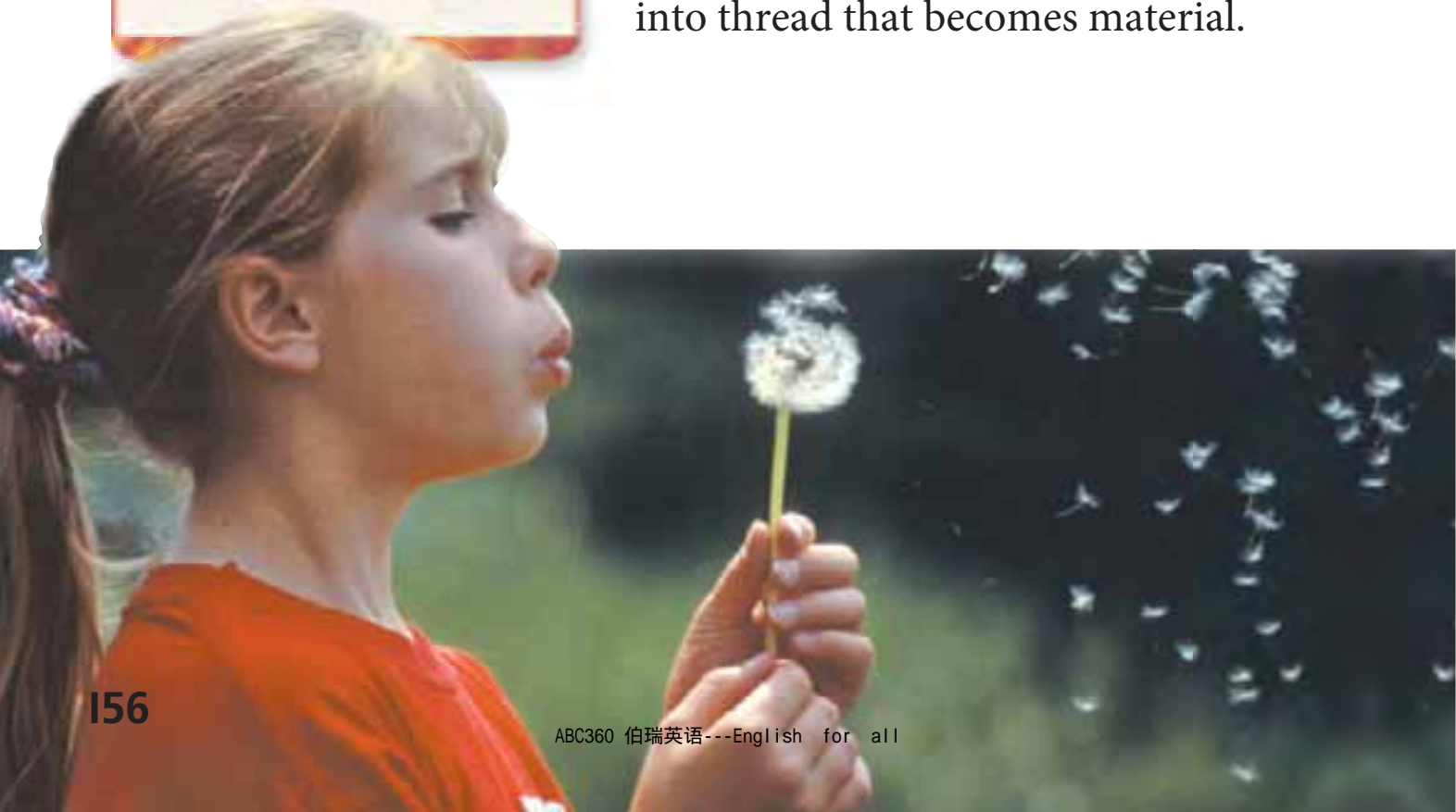
Jen is my *neighbor*.
She lives next door.

Plant Power!

by Bradley Roberts

People use plants in many ways. All around us are objects that come from plants.

Your T-shirt probably started as a cotton plant. The cotton plant has seeds called bolls. Hot weather makes the bolls **burst**. When they break open, a soft fluff of cotton pops out. The fluff sometimes **drifts** in the air, moving slowly in the wind. People can spin the fluff into thread that becomes material.



Other plants are used to make medicines. Some of these plants are found in a dry, hot place like the **desert**. The aloe plant has a juice that helps heal cuts. Many people grow aloe plants. An aloe plant **drowns** easily. It is important not to give them too much water because they will die. To get the aloe juice, **gently** break off a leaf. Do it carefully to not harm the plant.

Some plants are so big that we can build with them. Many houses are made from trees. Look at the houses of the people who live near you. Does your **neighbor** have a wooden house?



Reread for Comprehension



Summarize

Draw Conclusions

After you summarize this article, you can use the summary and what you know from real life to draw conclusions. Reread the article and use the chart to draw conclusions about why plants are important to humans.

