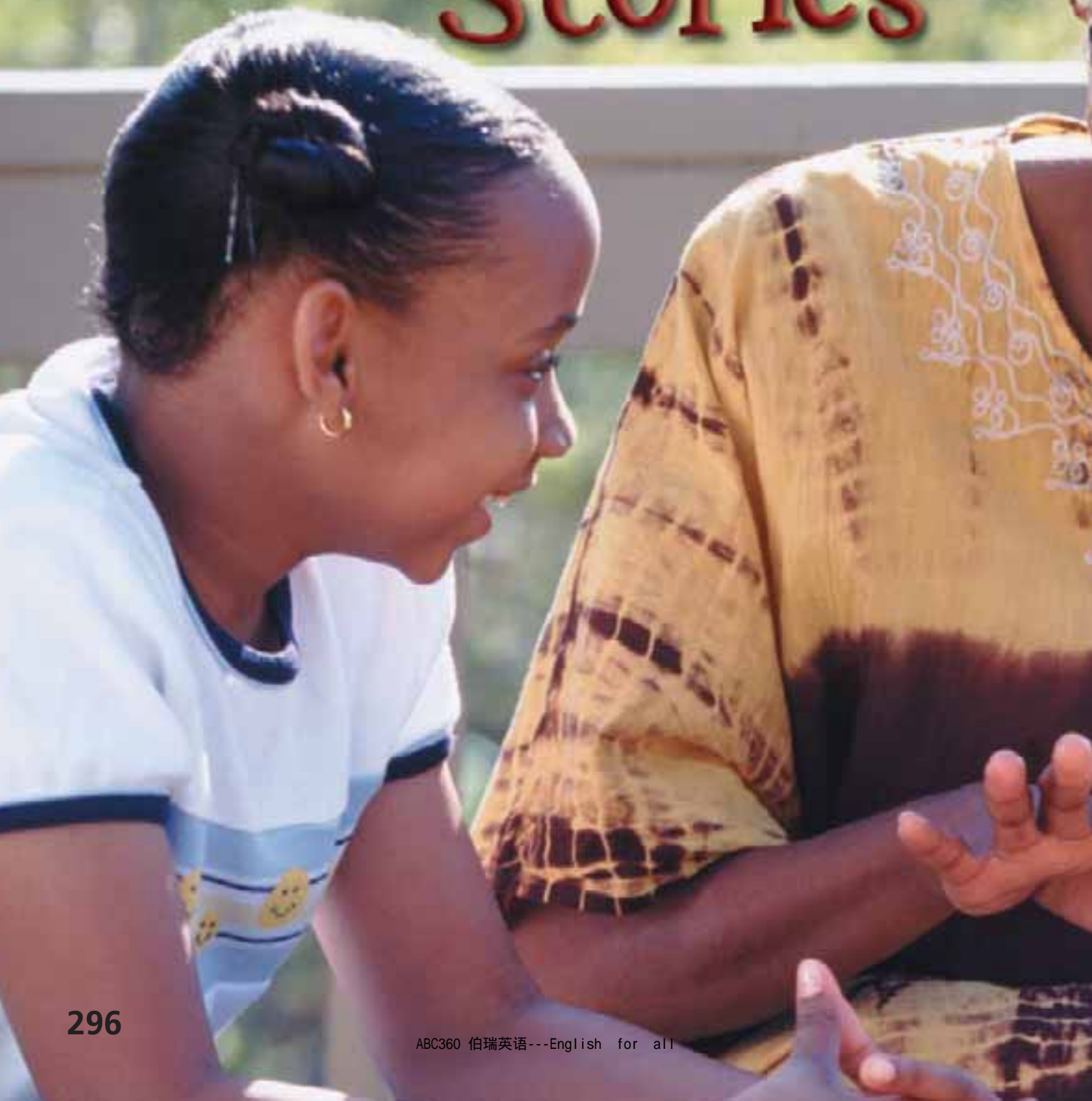
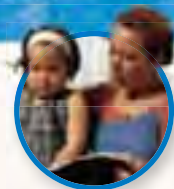


Telling Stories





Talk About It

What makes a great story? Why do you think people like to tell stories?



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The Story of the Giant Carrot

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Vocabulary

gaped
attached
frantically
swung
breathe
delicious



Context Clues

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

When you breathe, you *take air into and out of your lungs*.

One day Farmer Smith planted carrot seeds. The next morning he looked outside and **gaped**. He took a gulp of air because he was so surprised. A giant leaf was growing in the garden. He knew what would be **attached**. Giant leaves are joined to giant carrots!



Farmer Smith ran outside **frantically**. He was very, very excited. He jumped up and grabbed the leaf. It was so high, he **swung** from it! His body waved from side to side. Once his feet were back on the ground, he pulled on the leaf. The giant carrot would not come out.

First, he called to his family for help. The family pulled, but the carrot was too big. Then he asked his neighbors to help. They pulled so hard that they had to stop to **breathe**. It was hard for them to get enough air. Finally, he called to the dog and cow for help. They all pulled, and at last the carrot popped out!

The Smith family fed the whole town with the **delicious** carrot. Everyone said it was the best-tasting carrot they had ever eaten!



Reread for Comprehension

Reread

Cause and Effect

Rereading a story can help you understand the cause and effects of events in the story. A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens. Use the chart as you reread the story.

