**Wind**

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Wind is important. Without the wind, our world wouldn’t have any people, food, or animals. Wind moves the heat from the sun all around the planet. With no wind, about half of the earth would be too hot for any living thing. The rest of the earth would be too cold.

Many plants and trees depend on the wind. The wind helps them spread their seeds to new places. Wind also blows pollen around so trees, grass, and grains can grow. You can see for yourself how the wind spreads seeds. The next time you see a yellow dandelion that has turned into a white puffball, blow it. Or, if you find a maple tree seed with wings that looks like a helicopter, throw it. You’ll see all of the seeds go flying and you will be helping the wind do its job.