



How come weeds get everywhere in our gardens? One minute your lawn can be lovely and green and the next minute it's covered - and I mean covered - in dandelions! Well, it's all to do with the clever way that plants spread their seeds to keep making more plants.

Making the Seeds

So, how do the plants make so many seeds?

Most plants are made up of some female and male plant parts. Bees and other insects come to the flower because they smell nice and have lovely colours. While the bees are in the flower, they help move pollen around to fertilise the plant. Sometimes even the wind can help with moving the pollen around to the right places.

Once the plant is fertilised, the seeds can grow. When this happens in a dandelion, the yellow flower turns into what we call a dandelion 'clock'. If you look closely at a dandelion clock, it is full of dark coloured seeds with light, feathery, white tops that look like umbrellas.



Fact File

- A weed is only a plant that someone does not want in their garden. They can be very pretty!
- Nettles can be used for making tea and medicines, so they are really useful.
- The world's largest weed is giant hogweed. It can grow up to 3.65m in height and have leaves that measure 91cm long.
- Some people think that if you hold a buttercup under your chin and the yellow reflects on your skin it means that you like butter.

RETRIEVE

INTERPRET

CHOICE

What do the light, feathery, white tops look like? _____

Why do bees and insects come to flowers?

What plant can be used for making tea and medicines?

Why do some people see weeds as a pain and dig them out?

'one minute your lawn can be lovely / the next minute it's covered'

What is the author trying to tell the reader here? Tick one.

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| Weeds spread slowly | <input type="checkbox"/> | Weeds are hard to get rid off | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Weeds spread quickly | <input type="checkbox"/> | Weeds are extremely colourful | <input type="checkbox"/> |

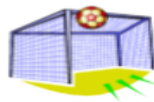


SPELLING STARS



The spelling words are all nouns. Can you put them through the machine to turn them back into verbs?

Spellings		Root Word
information	→	inform
sensation	→	
preparation	→	
vibration	→	
decoration	→	
donation	→	
duration	→	
registration	→	
population	→	
determination	→	



Grammar Goals



Which sentence is written in **Standard English**?

Tick **one**.

Two sports teams come to our school yesterday.

My friend was tidying the classroom.

Today the children done their school play.

The teachers was going to send a letter next week.

Write the **contraction** of the underlined words in each box.

"I cannot find my hat," moaned Asha. "I will ask Mum.

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