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Photosynthesis: how plants help us survive

Plant makes oxygen as a waste product. People and animals need oxygen to breathe.

Carbon dioxide

This gas from the air is taken in through the leaves.

Plant makes suga to help it grow.

Water

Sunlight

Water Sucked up through the plant's roots.

Carbon dioxide What happens inside the plant

The energy from sunlight turns water and carbon dioxide into sugar, which the plant uses to grow, and oxygen, which people and other animals breathe.

Oxygen

Sugar