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A Hare Changes Its Coat

Circle group

A snowshoe hare lives where it snows. In summer, its fur is brown. It matches the dirt.

In fall, the hare grows new fur. Its coat turns white. Now it matches the snow.

This keeps the hare safe. A fox or an owl may want to eat a hare. A white hare in the snow is hard to see. In spring, brown fur grows back.

Questions

1. What color is the hare's fur in summer?

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2. When does the coat turn white?

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3. What grows back in spring?

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4. Which animals may want to eat a hare?

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5. Why is a white coat good in winter?

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Words to know

hare: an animal like a rabbit with long back legs
match: to look the same as something
fur: the soft hair that covers an animal

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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A Hare Changes Its Coat

Triangle group

A snowshoe hare lives in a cold, snowy forest. In summer, its fur is brown. The brown fur matches the dirt and the leaves.

When fall comes, something odd happens. The hare grows new fur. Soon its coat turns white. Now the hare matches the snow.

This helps the hare stay safe. A fox or an owl may look for a hare to eat. But a white hare in the snow is hard to spot. In spring, the white fur falls out and brown fur grows back.

Questions

1. What color is the hare's fur in summer?

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2. When does the hare's coat turn white?

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3. What grows back in spring?

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4. Which animals may look for a hare to eat?

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5. Why is a white coat good for a hare in winter?

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Words to know

hare: an animal like a rabbit with long back legs
match: to look the same as something
spot: to see something
fur: the soft hair that covers an animal

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A Hare Changes Its Coat

Square group

A snowshoe hare lives in a cold forest that fills with snow every winter. During the summer, its fur is brown, which matches the dirt and the fallen leaves.

When fall arrives, something remarkable happens. The hare grows a new coat, and gradually its fur turns white, so that it matches the snow.

This change helps the hare stay safe. A fox or an owl may be searching for a hare to eat, but a white hare in the snow is very difficult to spot. When spring comes, the white fur falls out and brown fur grows back.

Questions

1. What color is the hare's fur during the summer?

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2. When does the hare's coat turn white?

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3. What happens to the white fur in spring?

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4. Which animals may be searching for a hare to eat?

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5. How does a white coat help a hare in winter?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: A Hare Changes Its Coat

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: A Hare Changes Its Coat

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

1. Brown.
2. In the fall.
3. Brown fur.
4. A fox or an owl.
5. It matches the snow, so the hare is hard to see.

Triangle: A Hare Changes Its Coat

This passage · 87 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Brown.
2. In the fall, as winter comes.
3. Brown fur.
4. A fox or an owl.
5. It matches the snow, so the hare is hard to spot.

Square: A Hare Changes Its Coat

Harder · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.6

1. Brown.
2. When fall arrives and winter is coming.
3. It falls out and brown fur grows back.
4. A fox or an owl.
5. It matches the snow, so the hare is very difficult to spot.