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A Hat for Gran

Circle group

It is Gran's birthday. Lily wants to give her a gift. Lily has no money.

Lily thinks. She has paper, glue, and paint. She can make a gift. She paints a big hat out of paper. She glues on a red flower and a yellow bow.

Lily is not sure. Is the hat good? She puts it in a bag. She goes to Gran's house.

Gran opens the bag. She puts on the hat. "It is the best hat I have ever had," she says. She wears it all day.

Questions

1. Whose birthday is it?

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2. Why can Lily not buy a gift?

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3. What does Lily use to make the hat?

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4. What two things does Lily glue on?

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5. Why is Lily not sure about the hat?

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6. How does Gran feel about the hat?

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Words to know

birthday: the day each year when you were born
gift: something you give to a person to make them happy
glue: a sticky stuff that holds things together
bow: a knot of ribbon with loops

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 Hat for Gran

Triangle group

It is Gran's birthday. Lily wants to give her a gift, but Lily has no money.

Lily thinks. She has paper, glue, and paint. She can make something. She paints a big hat out of paper. She glues on a red flower and a yellow bow.

Lily is not sure. Is the hat good enough? She puts it in a bag and goes to Gran's house.

Gran opens the bag. She puts on the paper hat. "It is the best hat I have ever had," she says. She wears it all day.

Questions

1. Whose birthday is it?

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2. Why can Lily not buy a gift?

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3. What does Lily use to make the hat?

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4. What two things does Lily glue on the hat?

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5. Why is Lily not sure about her hat?

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6. How does Gran feel about the hat?

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Square group

It is Gran's birthday, and Lily wants to give her a special gift. The trouble is that Lily has no money to buy anything.

Lily thinks hard. She has some paper, glue, and paint, so she can make something herself. She paints a big hat out of paper and glues on a red flower and a yellow bow.

Lily feels unsure. Is the hat good enough? She tucks it into a bag and walks to Gran's house.

Gran opens the bag and puts on the paper hat. "It is the best hat I have ever had," she says, and she wears it all day long.

Questions

1. Whose birthday is it?

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2. Why can Lily not buy a gift?

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3. What does Lily use to make the hat?

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4. What two things does Lily glue onto the hat?

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5. Why does Lily feel unsure about the hat?

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6. How does Gran feel about the paper hat?

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For the teacher: A Hat for Gran

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

Circle: A Hat for Gran

Easier · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. Gran's.
2. She has no money.
3. Paper, glue, and paint.
4. A red flower and a yellow bow.
5. She worries it is not good.
6. She loves it.

Triangle: A Hat for Gran

This passage · 92 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

1. Gran's.
2. She has no money.
3. Paper, glue, and paint.
4. A red flower and a yellow bow.
5. She worries it might not be good enough.
6. She loves it, because she wears it all day.

Square: A Hat for Gran

Harder · 105 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. Gran's.
2. She has no money to buy anything.
3. Paper, glue, and paint.
4. A red flower and a yellow bow.
5. She worries it might not be good enough.
6. She loves it, because she wears it all day long.