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A Library Where You Borrow Hammers

Circle group

Some towns have a tool library. You do not borrow books. You borrow tools!

You can borrow a hammer. You can borrow a ladder or a shovel. Neighbors share the tools.

Why share? A family may need a big saw one time. It costs a lot to buy. It would sit in a closet. It is better to borrow it.

Take care of the tool. Bring it back on time. Then the next neighbor gets a turn.

Sharing helps the town.

Questions

1. What do you borrow at a tool library?

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2. Which two tools can you borrow?

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3. What must you do with a borrowed tool?

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4. Why is it better to borrow a big saw for one job?

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5. Why bring a tool back on time?

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Words to know

borrow: to use something and give it back later
neighbor: a person who lives near you
ladder: a set of steps used to reach high places
share: to let others use something too

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 Library Where You Borrow Hammers

Triangle group

Some towns have a tool library. You do not borrow books there. You borrow tools!

You might borrow a hammer. You might borrow a ladder or a shovel. A tool library lets neighbors share.

Why share? A family may need a big saw only one time. Buying it costs a lot. And then it sits in a closet. It is better to borrow it.

You must take care of a borrowed tool. You bring it back on time. Then the next neighbor can have a turn.

Sharing helps a whole town.

Questions

1. What do you borrow at a tool library?

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2. Which two tools might you borrow?

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3. What must you do with a borrowed tool?

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4. Why is borrowing a big saw better than buying one for one job?

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5. Why must you bring a tool back on time?

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A Library Where You Borrow Hammers

Square group

Some towns have a special kind of library called a tool library. Instead of borrowing books, people borrow tools!

A neighbor might borrow a hammer, a ladder or a shovel. The tool library lets everyone in town share what they need.

Sharing makes good sense. A family may need a big saw only one time. Buying a saw costs a lot of money, and afterward it would just sit in a closet. Borrowing it is a much better idea.

Anyone who borrows a tool must take good care of it. The tool has to be returned on time so the next neighbor can have a turn.

Sharing helps an entire town.

Questions

1. What do people borrow at a tool library?

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2. Which two tools might a neighbor borrow?

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3. What must a person do with a borrowed tool?

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4. Why is borrowing a big saw better than buying one for a single job?

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5. Why does a tool have to be returned on time?

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For the teacher: A Library Where You Borrow Hammers

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

Circle: A Library Where You Borrow Hammers

Easier · 81 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

1. Tools.
2. A hammer, a ladder or a shovel.
3. Take care of it and bring it back on time.
4. It costs a lot to buy, and it would sit in a closet.
5. The next neighbor can have a turn.

Triangle: A Library Where You Borrow Hammers

This passage · 91 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. You borrow tools.
2. A hammer, a ladder or a shovel.
3. Take care of it and bring it back on time.
4. Buying costs a lot, and the saw would just sit in a closet.
5. Then the next neighbor can have a turn.

Square: A Library Where You Borrow Hammers

Harder · 111 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.3

1. Tools instead of books.
2. A hammer, a ladder or a shovel.
3. Take good care of it and return it on time.
4. Buying costs a lot of money, and the saw would just sit in a closet.
5. So the next neighbor can have a turn.