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A Woodpecker Taps and Drums

Circle group

Tap, tap, tap! Hear that in the woods? It may be a woodpecker.

A woodpecker has a strong beak. It taps on a tree to find bugs in the wood. Then it pulls them out with a long tongue.

A woodpecker also drums on trees. The drumming tells other woodpeckers, "This is my spot." It can make a hole in a tree, too. The hole is a safe home for its babies.

Questions

1. What does a woodpecker tap with?

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2. What does it look for in the wood?

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3. What does the drumming tell other woodpeckers?

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4. What is the hole in the tree for?

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5. How does it get a bug out of the tree?

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Words to know

woodpecker: a bird that taps on trees with its beak
beak: the hard mouth of a bird
drum: to hit something again and again to make a loud sound
spot: a place

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 Woodpecker Taps and Drums

Triangle group

Tap, tap, tap! Do you hear that sound in the woods? It may be a woodpecker.

A woodpecker has a strong, sharp beak. It taps on a tree to find bugs that live in the wood. Then it pulls the bugs out with a long, thin tongue.

A woodpecker also drums on trees. The loud drumming tells other woodpeckers, "This is my spot." A woodpecker can make a hole in a tree, too. The hole is a safe home where the bird can rest and raise its babies.

Questions

1. What does a woodpecker use to tap on a tree?

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2. What does a woodpecker look for in the wood?

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3. What does the loud drumming tell other woodpeckers?

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4. What is the hole in the tree used for?

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5. How does a woodpecker get a bug out of a tree?

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A Woodpecker Taps and Drums

Square group

Tap, tap, tap! Can you hear that sound echoing through the woods? It may be a woodpecker.

A woodpecker has a strong, sharp beak, and it taps on a tree to find the bugs that live inside the wood. Then it pulls the bugs out with a long, thin tongue.

A woodpecker also drums on trees, and the loud drumming tells other woodpeckers, "This is my spot." Sometimes a woodpecker makes a hole in a tree, too. The hole is a safe home where the bird can rest and raise its babies.

Questions

1. What does a woodpecker use to tap on a tree?

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2. What is a woodpecker looking for when it taps?

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3. What message does the loud drumming send to other woodpeckers?

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4. Why does a woodpecker make a hole in a tree?

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5. How does a woodpecker pull a bug out of the wood?

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For the teacher: A Woodpecker Taps and Drums

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

Circle: A Woodpecker Taps and Drums

Easier · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. Its strong beak.
2. Bugs.
3. This is my spot.
4. It is a safe home for its babies.
5. It pulls the bug out with its long tongue.

Triangle: A Woodpecker Taps and Drums

This passage · 88 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. Its strong, sharp beak.
2. Bugs.
3. This is my spot.
4. It is a home where the bird rests and raises its babies.
5. It pulls the bug out with its long, thin tongue.

Square: A Woodpecker Taps and Drums

Harder · 92 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.4

1. Its strong, sharp beak.
2. Bugs that live inside the wood.
3. This is my spot.
4. The hole is a safe home where it can rest and raise its babies.
5. It uses its long, thin tongue.