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Boats Made of Reeds on Lake Titicaca

Circle group

Lake Titicaca is a big lake. It is in South America. It is high in the hills. Reeds grow in the water by the shore.

Reeds are plants. They have long, thin stems. People cut reeds. They dry them in the sun. They tie reeds in bundles. They tie the bundles to make a boat.

A reed boat floats. The dry stems hold air. Some families made small islands from reeds too.

Questions

1. Where is Lake Titicaca?

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2. Where do the reeds grow?

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3. What do people do with the reeds before they tie them?

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4. What else have some families made from reeds?

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5. Why does a reed boat float?

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Words to know

reed: a tall plant with a long, thin stem that grows in water
bundle: a group of things tied together
float: to stay on top of water and not sink

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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Boats Made of Reeds on Lake Titicaca

Triangle group

Lake Titicaca is a big lake high in the mountains. It is in South America. Reeds grow tall in the shallow water near the shore.

Reeds are plants with long, thin stems. People cut the reeds. They dry them in the sun. Then they tie the reeds into thick bundles. They tie the bundles together to make a boat.

A reed boat can float. The dry stems hold air. Some families on the lake have built little islands from reeds. They pile the reeds up like a thick, soft floor.

Questions

1. Where is Lake Titicaca?

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2. Where do the reeds grow?

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3. What do people do with the reeds before they tie them?

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4. What have some families built from reeds besides boats?

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5. Why can a reed boat float?

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Words to know

reed: a tall plant with a long, thin stem that grows in water
shallow: not deep
bundle: a group of things tied together
float: to stay on top of water and not sink

Talk together (every group has these)

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Boats Made of Reeds on Lake Titicaca

Square group

Lake Titicaca is an enormous lake high in the mountains of South America. Tall reeds grow in the shallow water close to its shore.

Reeds are plants with long, thin stems. People cut the reeds and leave them to dry in the sun. Next they tie the reeds into thick bundles, and then they fasten the bundles together to build a boat.

A reed boat can float because the dry stems hold air inside them. Some families on the lake have even built little islands out of reeds by piling them up like a thick, soft floor.

Questions

1. Where is Lake Titicaca?

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2. Where do the tall reeds grow?

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3. What do people do with the reeds before they tie them into bundles?

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4. What have some families built from reeds besides boats?

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5. Why is a reed boat able to float?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Boats Made of Reeds on Lake Titicaca

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

Circle: Boats Made of Reeds on Lake Titicaca

Easier · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. In the mountains of South America.
2. In the water near the shore.
3. They cut them and dry them in the sun.
4. Small islands.
5. The dry stems hold air.

Triangle: Boats Made of Reeds on Lake Titicaca

This passage · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. In the mountains of South America.
2. In the shallow water near the shore.
3. They cut them and dry them in the sun.
4. Little islands.
5. The dry stems hold air.

Square: Boats Made of Reeds on Lake Titicaca

Harder · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.9

1. High in the mountains of South America.
2. In the shallow water close to the shore.
3. They cut them and leave them to dry in the sun.
4. Little islands.
5. The dry stems hold air inside them.