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Grandpa's Clock Runs Backward on Fridays

Circle group

Grandpa has a gold clock. On Fridays, it runs backward. The hands go the wrong way.

One Friday, Ivy dropped her ice cream. Plop! It fell on the grass. Ivy was sad.

Grandpa held up the clock. The hands went back. Ivy had her cone again. The ice cream was not on the grass.

This time Ivy held it tight. "Thank you, Grandpa," she said.

Questions

1. What color is Grandpa's clock?

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2. What does the clock do on Fridays?

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3. What did Ivy drop?

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4. Where did the ice cream fall?

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5. Why did Ivy have her cone again?

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6. Why did Ivy hold the cone tight?

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Words to know

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hands: the pointers on a clock
cone: a crunchy cup that holds ice cream

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Triangle group

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One Friday, Ivy dropped her ice cream. Plop! It fell on the grass. Ivy was sad.

Grandpa held up the clock. The hands went back and back. Ivy was holding her cone again. The ice cream was not on the grass.

This time Ivy held it tight. She licked it up slowly. "Thank you, Grandpa," she said. The clock ticked forward.

Questions

1. What color is Grandpa's clock?

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Grandpa's Clock Runs Backward on Fridays

Square group

Grandpa owns a gold clock with a strange habit. On Fridays, the clock runs backward, and its hands travel the wrong way around the dial.

One Friday afternoon, Ivy accidentally dropped her ice cream. Plop! It landed in the grass, and Ivy felt very sad.

Grandpa held up the clock. The hands spun back and back. Suddenly Ivy was holding her cone again, and the ice cream had never touched the grass.

This time Ivy gripped it tightly and licked it up slowly. "Thank you, Grandpa," she said, while the clock ticked forward.

Questions

1. What color is Grandpa's clock?

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2. What strange thing does the clock do on Fridays?

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3. What did Ivy accidentally drop?

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4. Where did the ice cream land?

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5. Why was Ivy holding her cone again?

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6. Why did Ivy grip the cone tightly the second time?

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For the teacher: Grandpa's Clock Runs Backward on Fridays

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

Circle: Grandpa's Clock Runs Backward on Fridays

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.6

1. It is gold.
2. It runs backward.
3. Her ice cream.
4. On the grass.
5. The clock took time back.
6. She did not want to drop it.

Triangle: Grandpa's Clock Runs Backward on Fridays

This passage · 81 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

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2. It runs backward.
3. Her ice cream.
4. On the grass.
5. The clock took time back to before she dropped it.
6. She did not want to drop it again.

Square: Grandpa's Clock Runs Backward on Fridays

Harder · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

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