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Green Stairs on the Hills of Luzon

Circle group

Luzon is an island in the Philippines. It has mountains. Rice grows well in wet fields. But a steep hill is hard to farm.

So farmers cut the hills into steps. Each step is a flat field. It is called a terrace. From far away, the hills look like green stairs.

Farmers let water into the fields. The rice grows in the water. Farmers pick the rice by hand.

Questions

1. What is Luzon?

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2. What do farmers cut the hills into?

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3. What grows in the wet fields?

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4. How do the hills look from far away?

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5. Why do farmers make flat steps?

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Words to know

terrace: a flat step cut into the side of a hill
steep: rising up very sharply
rice: a small grain that people cook and eat

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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Green Stairs on the Hills of Luzon

Triangle group

Luzon is an island in the Philippines. Mountains rise up on this island. Rice is a food that grows well in wet fields. But a steep hill is hard to farm.

So farmers carved the hills into steps. Each step is a flat field called a terrace. From far away, the hills look like giant green stairs.

Water is let in to fill the fields. The rice plants grow in the water. When the rice is ready, farmers pick it by hand. Then people cook it and eat it.

Questions

1. What is Luzon?

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2. What do farmers carve the hills into?

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3. What grows in the wet fields?

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4. How do the hills look from far away?

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5. Why do farmers make flat steps on the hills?

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Words to know

terrace: a flat step cut into the side of a hill
steep: rising up very sharply
carve: to cut into the shape you want
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Green Stairs on the Hills of Luzon

Square group

Luzon is a large island in the Philippines, and tall mountains rise up across it. Rice is a food that grows best in wet fields, but a steep mountainside is very difficult to farm.

To solve this problem, farmers carved the hills into steps. Each step is a flat field called a terrace, and from far away the hills look like enormous green stairs.

Farmers let water flow into the terraces so the rice plants can grow in it. When the rice is ready, the farmers pick it by hand.

Questions

1. What is Luzon?

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2. What did farmers carve the hills into?

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3. What grows in the wet fields?

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4. How do the hills look from far away?

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5. Why did farmers carve flat steps into the hills?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Green Stairs on the Hills of Luzon

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

Circle: Green Stairs on the Hills of Luzon

Easier · 69 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. An island in the Philippines.
2. Steps called terraces.
3. Rice.
4. Like green stairs.
5. A steep hill is hard to farm, but flat steps hold water.

Triangle: Green Stairs on the Hills of Luzon

This passage · 89 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. An island in the Philippines.
2. Steps called terraces.
3. Rice.
4. Like giant green stairs.
5. A steep hill is hard to farm, but flat steps hold water for rice.

Square: Green Stairs on the Hills of Luzon

Harder · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.3

1. A large island in the Philippines.
2. Steps called terraces.
3. Rice.
4. Like enormous green stairs.
5. A steep mountainside is hard to farm, but flat steps can hold water for rice.