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Nell and the Hiccup That Moved In

Circle group

Nell had the hiccups. Hic! Hic! They would not go away.

Hic! Her milk jumped. Hic! Her toy frog jumped. Hic! Her brother jumped, too.

"Boo!" said Dad. Nell did not stop. She drank water. Hic! Hic!

Then Nell saw a funny clown in a book. She laughed and laughed. Her hiccups ran out the door.

"Good-bye, hiccups!" said Nell.

Questions

1. What did Nell have?

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2. What did the toy frog do?

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3. What did Dad say?

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4. What did Nell see in the book?

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5. What made the hiccups stop?

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Words to know

hiccups: little jumps in your chest that make a noise

clown: a funny person with a painted face

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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Nell and the Hiccup That Moved In

Triangle group

Nell had the hiccups. Hic! Hic! They would not go away.

Hic! Her cup of milk jumped. Hic! Her toy frog jumped. Hic! Her little brother jumped, too.

"Boo!" said Dad. Nell did not stop. She held her breath. She drank a glass of water. Hic! Hic!

Then Nell saw a funny clown face in a book. She laughed and laughed. She laughed so much that her hiccups got scared and ran out the door.

"Good-bye, hiccups!" said Nell, and she gave a happy sigh. Her house was calm and quiet again.

Questions

1. What did Nell have?

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2. What did Nell's toy frog do?

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3. What did Dad say to Nell?

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4. What did Nell see in the book?

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5. What do you think made the hiccups stop?

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Words to know

hiccups: little jumps in your chest that make a noise
breath: the air you take in and let out
clown: a funny person with a painted face

sigh: a long, soft breath that shows you feel relief

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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Nell and the Hiccup That Moved In

Square group

Nell had the hiccups, and they simply would not go away. Hic! Hic!

Hic! Her cup of milk jumped on the table. Hic! Her toy frog bounced across the floor. Hic! Her little brother jumped, too.

"Boo!" shouted Dad, hoping to surprise her. Nell kept right on hiccuping. She held her breath and gulped down a glass of water. Hic! Hic!

Then Nell spotted a ridiculous clown face in a picture book. She laughed so hard that her hiccups got scared and hurried out the door.

"Good-bye, hiccups!" cheered Nell, and she let out a happy sigh.

Questions

1. What problem did Nell have that would not go away?

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2. What did Nell's toy frog do?

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3. What did Dad shout to try to surprise Nell?

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4. What did Nell spot in the picture book?

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5. What do you think finally made the hiccups stop?

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Words to know

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breath: the air you take in and let out
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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Nell and the Hiccup That Moved In

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

Circle: Nell and the Hiccup That Moved In

Easier · 61 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.2

1. She had the hiccups.
2. It jumped.
3. He said, "Boo!"
4. A funny clown.
5. Nell laughed so much that they went away.

Triangle: Nell and the Hiccup That Moved In

This passage · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. She had the hiccups.
2. It jumped.
3. He said, "Boo!"
4. A funny clown face.
5. Nell laughed so much that they went away.

Square: Nell and the Hiccup That Moved In

Harder · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. She had the hiccups.
2. It bounced across the floor.
3. He shouted, "Boo!"
4. A ridiculous clown face.
5. Nell laughed so hard that they went away.