Name: _____ Date: _____

A Note Tucked in the Whale Book

Circle group

Pia picked a book about whales. At home, a note fell out.

The note said, "Look in the red book. It is on the low shelf." Pia went back to the library.

She found the red book. It was about trains. Inside was a second note. "Look by the big green chair."

By the green chair sat Mr. Cole, the librarian. He gave a wink. In his hand was a bookmark with a whale on it.

"I hide notes for new readers," he said. "You found them all."

Questions

1. What was Pia's book about?

_____

_____

2. What fell out of the book?

_____

_____

3. What was the red book about?

_____

_____

4. What was on the bookmark?

_____

_____

5. Why did Mr. Cole hide the notes?

_____

_____

Words to know

librarian: a person who works in a library
shelf: a flat board that holds books
bookmark: a thin strip that saves your place in a book

wink: to close one eye for a moment

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?

Name: _____ Date: _____

A Note Tucked in the Whale Book

Triangle group

Pia picked a book about whales. She opened it at home. A note fell out.

The note said, "Look in the book with a red cover. It is on the low shelf." Pia went back to the library.

She found the red book. It was about trains. Inside was a second note. "Look by the big green chair."

By the green chair sat Mr. Cole, the librarian. He gave a wink. In his hand was a bookmark with a whale on it.

"I hide notes for new readers," he said. "You found them all." Pia put the bookmark in her whale book.

Questions

1. What was Pia's book about?

_____

_____

2. What fell out of the book?

_____

_____

3. What was the red book about?

_____

_____

4. What was on the bookmark?

_____

_____

5. Why did Mr. Cole hide the notes?

_____

_____

Words to know

librarian: a person who works in a library
shelf: a flat board that holds books
bookmark: a thin strip that saves your place in a book
wink: to close one eye for a moment

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?

Name: _____ Date: _____

A Note Tucked in the Whale Book

Square group

Pia borrowed a book about whales from the library. When she opened it at home, a folded note slipped out.

The note read, "Look in the book with the red cover. It is on the low shelf." Pia hurried back to the library.

She found the red book, which turned out to be about trains. Tucked inside was a second note. "Now look beside the big green chair."

Mr. Cole, the librarian, was sitting in the green chair. He gave her a wink and held up a bookmark with a whale on it.

"I hide notes for new readers," he said. "You followed every clue." Pia slid the bookmark into her whale book.

Questions

1. What was the book that Pia borrowed about?

_____

_____

2. What slipped out of the book at home?

_____

_____

3. What was the red book about?

_____

_____

4. What picture was on the bookmark?

_____

_____

5. Why do you think Mr. Cole hid notes for new readers?

_____

_____

Words to know

librarian: a person who works in a library
shelf: a flat board that holds books
bookmark: a thin strip that saves your place in a book
wink: to close one eye for a moment

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?

For the teacher: A Note Tucked in the Whale Book

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

Circle: A Note Tucked in the Whale Book

Easier · 88 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Whales.
2. A note.
3. Trains.
4. A whale.
5. To make a fun game and give a prize.

Triangle: A Note Tucked in the Whale Book

This passage · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

1. Whales.
2. A note.
3. Trains.
4. A whale.
5. He wanted to give new readers a fun game and a prize.

Square: A Note Tucked in the Whale Book

Harder · 113 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. Whales.
2. A folded note.
3. Trains.
4. A whale.
5. He wanted to make reading fun and reward them with a prize.