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The Piano Tuner Has Good Ears

Circle group

A piano has strings inside. You press a key. A small hammer hits a string. The string shakes and makes a sound.

Strings can slip out of tune. Then the notes sound sour. A piano tuner comes to help.

The tuner listens close. She turns a little tool. A string gets tighter or looser. When the note sounds right, she goes to the next one.

Questions

1. What hits a string when you press a key?

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2. How do the notes sound when a piano is out of tune?

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3. What does the tuner turn?

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4. What happens to a string when she turns the tool?

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5. Why does the tuner listen close?

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6. Why are her ears her best tool?

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Words to know

string: a thin cord that makes a sound when it shakes
tune: to fix a sound so the notes are right
sour: not pleasing to hear
tuner: a worker who fixes the sounds of an instrument
tighter: pulled more, with less slack

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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Triangle group

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After a long time, the strings can slip out of tune. The notes sound sour. Then a piano tuner comes to help.

The tuner listens very close. She turns a little tool to make a string tighter or looser. When the note sounds right, she moves on to the next one. Her ears are her best tool.

Questions

1. What hits a string when you press a key?

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2. What do the notes sound like when a piano is out of tune?

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3. What does the tuner turn to change a string?

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4. What does the tuner do to a string to fix a note?

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5. Why does the tuner listen so close?

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6. Why does the passage say her ears are her best tool?

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Square group

Inside every piano there are many strings. When you press a key, a small hammer strikes a string, and the string shakes and makes a sound.

After a long time, the strings can slip out of tune, and then the notes start to sound sour. That is when a piano tuner comes to help.

The tuner listens very closely to each note. She turns a small tool to make a string a little tighter or a little looser. When the note finally sounds right, she moves on to the next one. Her ears are her most important tool.

Questions

1. What strikes a string when you press a key?

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2. What do the notes sound like when the strings slip out of tune?

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3. What does the tuner turn to change a string?

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4. How does the tuner change the sound of a string?

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5. Why does the tuner listen so closely to each note?

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6. Why does the passage call her ears her most important tool?

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For the teacher: The Piano Tuner Has Good Ears

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

Circle: The Piano Tuner Has Good Ears

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. A small hammer.
2. Sour.
3. A little tool.
4. It gets tighter or looser.
5. To hear when a note sounds right.
6. She needs them to know if a note is right.

Triangle: The Piano Tuner Has Good Ears

This passage · 80 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. A small hammer.
2. Sour.
3. A little tool.
4. She makes it tighter or looser.
5. To hear when each note sounds right.
6. She needs her ears to know if a note is right.

Square: The Piano Tuner Has Good Ears

Harder · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. A small hammer.
2. Sour.
3. A small tool.
4. She makes it a little tighter or a little looser.
5. She needs to hear when the note sounds right.
6. She must use her ears to tell whether a note is right.