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A Rain Stick Makes a Shower Without Water

Circle group

A rain stick is a long tube. It is empty inside, but it has pebbles or seeds. It has small sticks too.

Tip the rain stick. The pebbles fall. They tap the sticks. Pitter, patter! It sounds like rain.

Tip it back. The rain starts again. It is rain with no water.

Questions

1. What is a rain stick?

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2. What is inside a rain stick?

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3. What do you do to make the sound?

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4. What does it sound like?

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5. Why does the rain stick make a sound?

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6. Where can you hear the sound?

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Words to know

tube: a long, round shape that is open or empty inside

pebble: a small, smooth stone

tip: to tilt something to one side

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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A Rain Stick Makes a Shower Without Water

Triangle group

A rain stick is a long, hollow tube. Inside are tiny pebbles or seeds. There are also little sticks that cross the tube.

Hold the rain stick up. Then tip it slowly. The pebbles fall and bump the sticks. Pitter, patter, pitter, patter! It sounds like rain.

Tip it the other way. The sound starts again. A rain stick is a fun way to make a rainy day, even when the sky is blue. Shake it softly for a light shower.

Questions

1. What is a rain stick?

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2. What is inside a rain stick?

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3. What do you do to make the sound?

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4. What does the sound remind you of?

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5. Why does the rain stick make a sound?

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6. What happens when you tip it the other way?

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Words to know

hollow: empty on the inside
tube: a long, round shape that is open or empty inside
pebble: a small, smooth stone
tip: to tilt something to one side

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1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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A Rain Stick Makes a Shower Without Water

Square group

A rain stick is a long, hollow tube with a surprise inside. Tiny pebbles or seeds are tucked in there, along with many little sticks that cross the tube from side to side.

When you hold the rain stick upright and tip it slowly, the pebbles tumble down. As they fall, they bump into the sticks again and again. Pitter, patter, pitter, patter! The sound is very much like falling rain.

If you turn the rain stick over, the pebbles fall the other way, and the sound begins once more. A rain stick lets you make a rainy day even when the sky is bright and blue.

Questions

1. What is a rain stick, and how does it look?

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2. What is hidden inside a rain stick?

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3. How do you start the sound?

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4. What does the sound remind a listener of?

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5. What makes the pitter and patter sound?

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6. What happens when you turn the rain stick over?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: A Rain Stick Makes a Shower Without Water

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

Circle: A Rain Stick Makes a Shower Without Water

Easier · 52 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. A long tube with pebbles or seeds in it.
2. Pebbles or seeds and small sticks.
3. Tip it.
4. Rain.
5. The pebbles fall and tap the sticks.
6. You can hear it when you tip the rain stick.

Triangle: A Rain Stick Makes a Shower Without Water

This passage · 81 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. A long, hollow tube with pebbles or seeds inside.
2. Tiny pebbles or seeds and little sticks.
3. Tip it slowly.
4. Rain.
5. The pebbles fall and bump the little sticks inside.
6. The sound starts again.

Square: A Rain Stick Makes a Shower Without Water

Harder · 107 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

1. A long, hollow tube with pebbles or seeds and little sticks inside.
2. Tiny pebbles or seeds and many little sticks.
3. Hold it up and tip it slowly.
4. Falling rain.
5. The pebbles bump into the sticks as they fall.
6. The pebbles fall the other way and the sound begins again.