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Sam Rides the Bus to the Blue Door

Circle group

Sam rode a bus with Dad. They went to see Gran. Gran sent a note. It said, "Get off at the blue door."

Sam sat by the window. He saw a red door. It was a hair shop. He saw a green door. It was a school.

Then Sam saw a blue door! It was a bakery. It smelled sweet.

"Stop!" said Sam. He pulled the cord. Ding!

Gran was by the blue door. She had warm buns. Sam got the clue!

Questions

1. Who was Sam going to see?

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2. What color door was the clue?

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3. What shop had the blue door?

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4. What did Sam pull to stop the bus?

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5. Why did Sam smell something sweet?

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Words to know

bakery: a shop that makes bread and cakes
clue: a hint that helps you solve something
cord: a thick string

bun: a small, round bread
window: a glass opening in a wall or a bus

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.
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Sam Rides the Bus to the Blue Door

Triangle group

Sam rode the bus with Dad. They were going to see Gran. Gran had sent a note. It said, "Get off at the stop with a blue door."

Sam sat by the window. He saw a red door. That was a barber shop. He saw a green door. That was a school.

The bus rolled on. Then Sam saw a blue door! It was on a bakery. A sweet smell drifted in.

"Stop here!" said Sam. He pulled the cord. Ding!

Gran stood by the blue door. She held a bag of warm buns. Sam had solved the clue.

Questions

1. Who was Sam going to see?

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2. What color door was the clue?

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3. What kind of shop had the blue door?

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4. What did Sam pull to make the bus stop?

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5. Why did Sam smell something sweet at the blue door?

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Square group

Sam was riding the bus with his dad to visit his grandmother. Gran had sent a note with a puzzling clue. It said, "Get off at the stop with a blue door."

Sam pressed his nose against the window and watched the street. He spotted a red door, which belonged to a barber shop. Next he spotted a green door, which belonged to a school.

As the bus rumbled along, Sam finally saw a blue door on a bakery. A sweet, warm smell drifted through the bus.

"Stop here!" Sam cried, and he pulled the cord. Ding!

Gran was waiting beside the blue door with a bag of warm buns. Sam had solved her clue.

Questions

1. Who was Sam going to visit?

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2. What color door did the clue name?

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3. What kind of shop had the blue door?

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4. What did Sam pull to make the bus stop?

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5. Why did a sweet smell drift through the bus near the blue door?

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For the teacher: Sam Rides the Bus to the Blue Door

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

Circle: Sam Rides the Bus to the Blue Door

Easier · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.6

1. Gran.
2. Blue.
3. A bakery.
4. The cord.
5. A bakery makes sweet things.

Triangle: Sam Rides the Bus to the Blue Door

This passage · 99 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.2

1. Gran.
2. Blue.
3. A bakery.
4. The cord.
5. It was a bakery, where sweet things are made.

Square: Sam Rides the Bus to the Blue Door

Harder · 115 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. His grandmother, Gran.
2. Blue.
3. A bakery.
4. The cord.
5. The door belonged to a bakery, where sweet treats are baked.