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A Squeegee Way Up in the Sky

Circle group

Some buildings are tall. Their windows get dusty. A window washer cleans them.

The washer sits on a seat. The seat hangs from ropes. His belt clips to a rope. That keeps him safe.

He wets the glass with soapy water. Then he wipes it with a squeegee. The water comes off in one line. The glass is clear.

Questions

1. What gets dusty on tall buildings?

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2. What does the washer sit on?

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3. What is the tool that wipes the water off?

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4. What does he wet the glass with?

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5. Why does his belt clip to a rope?

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6. Why is the glass clear at the end?

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Words to know

squeegee: a tool with a rubber edge for wiping water off glass
dusty: covered with fine dry dirt
rope: a thick, strong cord
soapy: full of soap bubbles

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

Some buildings are very tall. Their windows get dusty. Who cleans windows way up high? A window washer does.

The washer sits on a flat seat. The seat hangs from strong ropes. The washer wears a belt that clips to a rope, so he stays safe.

He wets the glass with soapy water. Then he pulls a tool called a squeegee across it. The squeegee wipes the water off in one smooth line. The glass is clear again. He can see the whole town from up there.

Questions

1. What gets dusty on tall buildings?

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2. What does the washer sit on?

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3. What is the tool called that wipes the water off?

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4. What does the washer wet the glass with?

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5. Why does the washer wear a belt that clips to a rope?

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6. Why is the glass clear after the squeegee goes across it?

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Words to know

squeegee: a tool with a rubber edge for wiping water off glass
dusty: covered with fine dry dirt
rope: a thick, strong cord
soapy: full of soap bubbles
smooth: even, with no bumps

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Square group

Some buildings are so tall that their windows collect a lot of dust. Who cleans the windows way up high? A window washer does.

The washer sits on a flat seat that hangs from strong ropes. He also wears a belt that clips to a rope, so he stays safe while he works.

First, he wets the glass with soapy water. Next, he pulls a tool called a squeegee across the window. The squeegee wipes the water away in one smooth line, and the glass is clear again. From up there, he can see the whole town.

Questions

1. What collects on the windows of tall buildings?

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2. What does the washer sit on?

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3. What is the tool that wipes the water away called?

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4. What does the washer use to wet the glass?

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5. Why does the washer wear a belt that clips to a rope?

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6. Why does the glass look clear after the squeegee goes across it?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: A Squeegee Way Up in the Sky

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

Circle: A Squeegee Way Up in the Sky

Easier · 59 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. The windows.
2. A seat that hangs from ropes.
3. A squeegee.
4. Soapy water.
5. To keep him safe up high.
6. The squeegee wipes the soapy water and dust away.

Triangle: A Squeegee Way Up in the Sky

This passage · 87 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. The windows.
2. A flat seat that hangs from ropes.
3. A squeegee.
4. Soapy water.
5. To stay safe up high.
6. It wipes the soapy water and dust away.

Square: A Squeegee Way Up in the Sky

Harder · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.7

1. Dust.
2. A flat seat that hangs from strong ropes.
3. A squeegee.
4. Soapy water.
5. It keeps him safe while he works up high.
6. The squeegee wipes away the soapy water and the dust.