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Streets Made of Water in Venice

Circle group

Venice is a city. It is in Italy. It has no roads for cars. It has canals. A canal is a path of water. People ride in boats. A boat can be a bus. A boat can be a taxi. Boats bring food to shops. There are small bridges. People walk on a bridge to cross a canal.

Questions

1. In what country is Venice?

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2. What is a canal?

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3. What brings food to the shops?

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4. What do people walk over to cross a canal?

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5. Why do people in Venice ride in boats?

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Words to know

canal: a path made of water that boats can use
bridge: a path built over water so people can cross
shop: a place where people buy things

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

Venice is a city in Italy. It has no big roads for cars. Here, a canal is a path made of water. Canals run between the old buildings.

A water bus takes people to work. A boat can be a taxi too. Boats bring food to the shops. A gondola is a long boat with a pointy front.

Small bridges cross the canals. People walk over them to get to the other side. It is a fun place to see. A trip there is like a trip on a big, wet map. You can see it all from a boat.

Questions

1. In what country is Venice?

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2. What is a canal?

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3. What carries food to the shops?

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4. What do people walk over to cross a canal?

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5. Why do people in Venice use boats so much?

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Words to know

canal: a path made of water that boats can use
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Streets Made of Water in Venice

Square group

Venice is a city in the country of Italy, and it has no wide roads for cars. Instead, the city is crisscrossed by canals, which are paths made of water.

Because of the canals, people in Venice travel by boat. A water bus carries people to their jobs, and a taxi can even be a boat. Other boats deliver food to the shops. A gondola is a long boat with a pointy front.

The city also has many small bridges, and people walk over them to get from one side of a canal to the other.

Questions

1. In which country is the city of Venice?

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2. What is a canal?

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3. What delivers food to the shops?

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4. What do people walk over to get across a canal?

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5. Why do people in Venice travel by boat so often?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Streets Made of Water in Venice

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

Circle: Streets Made of Water in Venice

Easier · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. Italy.
2. A path of water.
3. Boats.
4. Small bridges.
5. The city has canals, not big roads.

Triangle: Streets Made of Water in Venice

This passage · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.8

1. Italy.
2. A path made of water.
3. Boats.
4. Small bridges.
5. The city has canals instead of big roads.

Square: Streets Made of Water in Venice

Harder · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.1

1. Italy.
2. A path made of water.
3. Boats.
4. Small bridges.
5. The city has canals instead of wide roads.