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Swish! Wipers Clear the Rain

Circle group

Rain taps on the car glass. Drops blur the road. The driver cannot see.

The driver flips a switch. The wipers move. A wiper is a long arm with a strip of rubber. The arm swings up and down. Swish, swish!

The rubber wipes the drops off the glass. Now the driver can see. In hard rain, the wipers go fast. In light rain, they go slow.

Questions

1. Why can the driver not see?

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2. What does the driver flip?

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3. What is a wiper made of?

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4. What sound do the wipers make?

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5. When do the wipers go fast?

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Words to know

wiper: an arm that sweeps water off a car window
blur: to make something look fuzzy and hard to see
rubber: a soft, bendy material

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

Rain taps on the glass at the front of a car. Drops pile up and blur the road. The driver cannot see well.

So the driver flips a switch. Two wipers start to move. Each wiper is a long arm with a bendy strip of rubber. The arm swings up and then down again. Swish, swish!

The rubber strip sweeps the drops off the glass. The glass is clear again. If the rain falls hard, the driver can make the wipers go faster. If the rain is light, they can go slowly.

Questions

1. Why can the driver not see well in the rain?

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2. What does the driver do to start the wipers?

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3. What is a wiper made of?

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4. What sound do the wipers make?

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5. When might a driver want the wipers to go faster?

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Square group

Rain taps against the large piece of glass at the front of a car. The drops gather and blur the road, so the driver cannot see very well.

To fix this, the driver flips a switch, and two wipers begin to move. Each wiper is a long metal arm with a bendy strip of rubber along its edge. The arm swings up across the glass and then back down again, going swish, swish.

The rubber strip sweeps the drops off the glass, and the road becomes clear once more. When the rain falls hard, the driver can make the wipers move faster. When the rain is light, the wipers can move slowly.

Questions

1. Why can the driver not see the road well in the rain?

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2. What does the driver do to start the wipers?

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3. What is each wiper made of?

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4. What sound do the wipers make as they swing?

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5. Why might a driver choose faster wipers in a hard rain?

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For the teacher: Swish! Wipers Clear the Rain

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

Circle: Swish! Wipers Clear the Rain

Easier · 67 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. Drops blur the road on the glass.
2. A switch.
3. A long arm and a strip of rubber.
4. Swish, swish.
5. In hard rain, because more drops land on the glass.

Triangle: Swish! Wipers Clear the Rain

This passage · 92 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. Drops pile up on the glass and blur the road.
2. Flips a switch.
3. A long arm with a bendy strip of rubber.
4. Swish, swish.
5. When the rain falls hard, because more drops land on the glass.

Square: Swish! Wipers Clear the Rain

Harder · 112 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. Drops gather on the glass and blur the road.
2. Flips a switch.
3. A long metal arm with a bendy strip of rubber along its edge.
4. Swish, swish.
5. More drops land on the glass, so they must be cleared away more quickly.