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The Bathtub Island with a Duck Captain

Circle group

At bath time, Omar saw an island in the tub. It was made of soap bubbles. A yellow duck stood on top.

"I am Captain Quack," said the duck. "Do you want to sail?"

Omar sat on a washcloth boat. They sailed past a bubble hill. They sailed past a shampoo bottle. It was a lighthouse.

Then the water got cool. "Time to go," said the captain. Omar pulled the plug. The island sank. Omar was clean.

Questions

1. What was the island made of?

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2. Who was the captain?

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3. What was Omar's boat made from?

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4. What did the shampoo bottle look like?

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5. Why did the captain say it was time to go?

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6. What happened to the island when Omar pulled the plug?

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Words to know

captain: the leader of a boat
sail: to travel on water in a boat
bubbles: round, thin balls of soap and air
lighthouse: a tall tower with a light to guide boats

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Triangle group

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"I am Captain Quack," said the duck. "Do you want to sail?"

Omar climbed on a washcloth boat. They sailed past a bubble hill. They sailed past a shampoo bottle that was a lighthouse.

Then the water got cool. "Time to go home," said the captain. Omar pulled the plug. The island sank. Omar was clean and ready for bed.

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The Bathtub Island with a Duck Captain

Square group

At bath time, Omar noticed an island floating in the tub. It was built from soap bubbles, and a yellow duck was standing proudly on top.

"I am Captain Quack," announced the duck. "Would you like to sail with me?"

Omar climbed onto a washcloth boat, and together they sailed past a hill of bubbles. They also passed a shampoo bottle that had turned into a lighthouse.

After a while the water grew cool. "It is time to go home," said the captain. Omar pulled the plug and the island sank away. He was clean and ready for bed.

Questions

1. What was the island in the tub made of?

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2. Who was the captain of the island?

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3. What was Omar's boat made from?

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4. What did the shampoo bottle turn into?

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5. Why did the captain say it was time to go home?

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6. What happened to the island after Omar pulled the plug?

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For the teacher: The Bathtub Island with a Duck Captain

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

Circle: The Bathtub Island with a Duck Captain

Easier · 77 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Soap bubbles.
2. A yellow duck named Captain Quack.
3. A washcloth.
4. A lighthouse.
5. The water got cool.
6. It sank.

Triangle: The Bathtub Island with a Duck Captain

This passage · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. Soap bubbles.
2. A yellow duck named Captain Quack.
3. A washcloth.
4. A lighthouse.
5. The water was getting cool.
6. It sank down the drain.

Square: The Bathtub Island with a Duck Captain

Harder · 99 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.7

1. Soap bubbles.
2. A yellow duck named Captain Quack.
3. A washcloth.
4. A lighthouse.
5. The water was growing cool.
6. It sank away down the drain.