Name: _____ Date: _____

The Belly Grumble Mystery

Circle group

Grr-rumble! The class is quiet. Mia's belly makes a loud noise. Her face turns pink. But she need not worry.

Inside your belly is a stomach. It is a soft bag that squeezes. With food in it, the squeeze mixes the food. With nothing in it, the bag still squeezes. The air in it moves. That is the grumble.

All people have this. A grumble may mean it is time for a snack.

Questions

1. What noise does Mia's belly make?

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2. What is a stomach like?

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3. What moves in an empty stomach?

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4. Who has a belly that grumbles?

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5. What may a grumble mean?

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Words to know

belly: the soft front part of your body below the chest
stomach: the part inside you that holds and mixes food
squeeze: to press tight from all sides

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

Grr-rumble! It is quiet in class, and Mia's belly makes a loud noise. Her face turns pink. But she does not need to worry.

Inside your belly is a stomach. It is a soft bag that squeezes and moves. When food is inside, the squeezing mixes it up. When the bag is empty, it still squeezes, and the air in it moves around. That makes the grumble.

Every person has a belly that does this. It is a normal sound, and no one is ever in trouble for it. A grumble can mean it is nearly time for a snack.

Questions

1. What noise does Mia's belly make?

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2. What is a stomach like?

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3. What moves around in an empty stomach?

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4. Who has a belly that grumbles?

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5. What can a grumble tell you?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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Square group

Grr-rumble! The classroom is completely quiet, and suddenly Mia's belly makes a very loud noise. Her face turns pink with embarrassment, but she does not need to worry at all.

Inside your belly sits your stomach, a soft bag that squeezes and moves. When there is food inside, the squeezing mixes it all together. When the bag is empty, it keeps on squeezing, and the air inside moves around. That movement is what makes the grumbling sound.

Every person has a belly that does this, and a grumble can be a sign that it is nearly time for a snack.

Questions

1. What sound does Mia's belly make?

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2. How can you describe a stomach?

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3. What moves around inside an empty stomach?

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4. Which people have a belly that grumbles?

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5. What can a grumbling belly be a sign of?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: The Belly Grumble Mystery

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

Circle: The Belly Grumble Mystery

Easier · 74 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. A loud grumble.
2. A soft bag that squeezes.
3. Air.
4. All people.
5. It may be time for a snack.

Triangle: The Belly Grumble Mystery

This passage · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.4

1. A loud grumble.
2. A soft bag that squeezes and moves.
3. Air.
4. Every person.
5. It may be nearly time for a snack.

Square: The Belly Grumble Mystery

Harder · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.5

1. A very loud grumble.
2. A soft bag that squeezes and moves.
3. Air.
4. Every person.
5. That it is nearly time for a snack.