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The Cow Who Said Meow

Circle group

Cow Bess opened her mouth. "Meow!" she said.

The pigs looked up. "Say moo, Bess!" they said.

"Meow," said Bess. She did not know why.

Just then, a little cat came by. It had a sore paw. It could not call for help.

"Meow!" said Bess, as loud as she could. The farmer came running. He gave the cat a soft bed.

Bess said, "Moo!" Everyone clapped.

Questions

1. What sound did Cow Bess make?

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2. What did the pigs want her to say?

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3. What was wrong with the cat?

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4. What did the farmer give the cat?

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5. How did Bess help the cat?

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Words to know

meow: the sound a cat makes

paw: the foot of a cat or a dog

loud: with a big sound
clapped: hit your hands together to show you are glad

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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The Cow Who Said Meow

Triangle group

Cow Bess opened her mouth. "Meow!" she said.

The pigs looked up. "Moo, Bess! Say moo!" they said.

"Meow," said Bess again. She did not know why.

Just then, a little cat came by. It had a sore paw and it could not call for help. It could not make a sound at all.

"Meow!" said Bess, as loud as she could. The farmer heard her and came running. He gave the cat a soft bed.

Bess said, "Moo!" and everyone clapped.

Questions

1. What sound did Cow Bess make?

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2. What did the pigs want her to say?

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3. What was wrong with the little cat?

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4. What did the farmer give the cat?

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5. How did Bess's funny meow help the cat?

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The Cow Who Said Meow

Square group

Cow Bess opened her mouth wide. "Meow!" she said.

The pigs looked up from their mud puddle. "Moo, Bess! You are supposed to say moo!" they called.

"Meow," said Bess again. She had no idea why it kept happening.

Just then, a little cat wandered by. It had a sore paw, and it was too weak to call for help. It could not make any sound at all.

"Meow!" said Bess, as loudly as she possibly could. The farmer heard her and came running. He made the cat a soft bed to rest in.

At last Bess said, "Moo!" and everyone on the farm clapped.

Questions

1. What sound did Cow Bess keep making?

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2. What did the pigs say she was supposed to say?

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3. What was wrong with the little cat that wandered by?

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4. What did the farmer make for the cat?

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5. How did Bess's odd meow end up helping the cat?

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For the teacher: The Cow Who Said Meow

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

Circle: The Cow Who Said Meow

Easier · 67 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. She said, "Meow!"
2. They wanted her to say moo.
3. It had a sore paw.
4. A soft bed.
5. Her loud meow called the farmer.

Triangle: The Cow Who Said Meow

This passage · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. She said, "Meow!"
2. They wanted her to say moo.
3. It had a sore paw and could not call out.
4. A soft bed.
5. It called the farmer, who came to take care of the cat.

Square: The Cow Who Said Meow

Harder · 105 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. She kept saying, "Meow!"
2. They said she should say moo.
3. It had a sore paw and could not call out.
4. A soft bed to rest in.
5. It was loud enough to call the farmer, who came and cared for the cat.