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The Goat and the Squeaky Bridge

Circle group

A narrow bridge crossed a creek. It went squeak when you stepped on it. Only one animal could cross at a time.

Gus the goat ran to the bridge. Rosa the ram ran to it, too. They met in the middle. "Move!" said Gus. "No, you move!" said Rosa.

Then Gus said, "Let us take turns. You go first."

Rosa crossed. Then Gus crossed. Nobody was cross. Taking turns fixed it.

Questions

1. What sound did the bridge make?

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2. How many animals could cross at once?

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3. Who was the ram?

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4. What idea did Gus have?

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5. Why was nobody cross at the end?

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Words to know

narrow: not wide
creek: a small stream of water
ram: a male sheep
cross: to go from one side to the other

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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The Goat and the Squeaky Bridge

Triangle group

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Gus the goat ran to the bridge. Rosa the ram ran to it, too. They met in the middle. "Move!" said Gus. "No, you move!" said Rosa. Neither would move. The bridge went squeak, squeak.

Then Gus said, "Let us take turns. You go first, and then I will go."

Rosa crossed. Then Gus crossed. The bridge squeaked, but nobody was cross. Taking turns was a kind way to fix the trouble. Gus and Rosa waved to each other from the far banks.

Questions

1. What sound did the bridge make?

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2. How many animals could cross at one time?

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3. Who was the ram in the story?

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The Goat and the Squeaky Bridge

Square group

A narrow wooden bridge stretched across a creek. It squeaked whenever anyone stepped on it, and only one animal could cross at a time.

Gus the goat raced to the bridge, and Rosa the ram raced to it from the other side. They met in the middle. "Move!" demanded Gus. "No, you move!" said Rosa. Neither of them would budge, and the bridge went squeak, squeak.

Finally Gus said, "Let us take turns. You may go first, and then I will go."

Rosa crossed, and then Gus crossed. The bridge squeaked, but nobody was cross. Taking turns was a kind way to fix the trouble.

Questions

1. What sound did the bridge make?

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2. How many animals could cross at one time?

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3. Who was the ram in the story?

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4. What idea did Gus suggest to fix the trouble?

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5. Why was nobody cross at the end of the story?

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For the teacher: The Goat and the Squeaky Bridge

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

Circle: The Goat and the Squeaky Bridge

Easier · 71 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. A squeak.
2. Only one.
3. Rosa.
4. To take turns.
5. Both animals got to cross.

Triangle: The Goat and the Squeaky Bridge

This passage · 104 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. A squeak.
2. Only one.
3. Rosa.
4. To take turns.
5. Both animals got to cross, and they were kind.

Square: The Goat and the Squeaky Bridge

Harder · 105 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. A squeak.
2. Only one.
3. Rosa.
4. That they take turns.
5. Both animals got to cross, and they had solved it kindly.