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The Hedgehog Who Sorted Buttons

Circle group

Hattie the hedgehog found a button. It was blue. She stuck it on her back. Then she found a red one. Then a green one.

Soon her back was full of buttons. They jingled. It was hard to walk.

"I need a plan," said Hattie. She took them all off. She made a pile of blue ones. She made a pile of red ones. She made a pile of green ones.

Now she could walk with ease.

Questions

1. What color was the first button?

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2. Where did Hattie put the buttons at first?

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3. Why was it hard to walk?

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4. How did Hattie sort the buttons?

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5. Why did Hattie make a plan?

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Words to know

hedgehog: a small animal with sharp spikes on its back
jingle: to make a light ringing sound
pile: a heap of things put together

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 Hedgehog Who Sorted Buttons

Triangle group

Hattie the hedgehog found a lost button. It was blue. She stuck it on her back spike. Then she found a red one. Then a green one.

Soon her back was full of buttons. They jingled and clicked. It was hard to walk.

"I need a plan," said Hattie. She took them all off. She made a pile of blue ones. She made a pile of red ones. She made a pile of green ones.

Now she could walk with ease. And the neat piles looked so nice that her friends came to see them.

Questions

1. What color was the first button Hattie found?

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2. Where did Hattie put the buttons at first?

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3. Why was it hard for Hattie to walk?

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4. How did Hattie sort the buttons?

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5. Why did Hattie make a plan?

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The Hedgehog Who Sorted Buttons

Square group

Hattie the hedgehog discovered a lost button on the path. It was blue, so she stuck it on one of her spikes. Soon she found a red button, and then a green one, and she added those as well.

Before long, her back was crowded with buttons. They jingled and clicked with every step, and it became very hard to walk.

"I need a plan," said Hattie thoughtfully. She took every button off and sorted them by color. She made a pile of blue ones, a pile of red ones, and a pile of green ones.

Now she could walk with ease. The neat piles looked so lovely that her friends came to admire them.

Questions

1. What color was the first button Hattie discovered?

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2. Where did Hattie put the buttons at first?

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3. Why did walking become hard for Hattie?

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4. How did Hattie sort the buttons?

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5. Why did Hattie decide she needed a plan?

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For the teacher: The Hedgehog Who Sorted Buttons

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

Circle: The Hedgehog Who Sorted Buttons

Easier · 77 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. Blue.
2. On her back.
3. Her back was full of buttons.
4. By color, in a pile for each color.
5. She wanted to walk with ease.

Triangle: The Hedgehog Who Sorted Buttons

This passage · 95 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. Blue.
2. On her back spikes.
3. Her back was full of buttons.
4. By color, in a pile for each one.
5. She wanted to walk with ease and keep her buttons.

Square: The Hedgehog Who Sorted Buttons

Harder · 115 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

1. Blue.
2. On her spikes.
3. Her back was crowded with jingling buttons.
4. By color, with one pile for each color.
5. The buttons made walking hard, so she needed a way to keep them without carrying them all.