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The Lamplighter Walks at Dusk

Circle group

Long ago, a street lamp did not turn on by itself. A lamplighter did the job.

At dusk, he walked down the street. He had a long pole. The pole had a small flame on the end. He lifted it to each lamp. Poof! The lamp glowed.

In the morning, he put out each lamp. Now we have electric lights. They turn on by themselves.

Questions

1. What was the man who lit the lamps called?

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2. What did he carry?

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3. When did he light the lamps?

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4. What did he do in the morning?

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5. Why do we not need lamplighters now?

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Words to know

lamplighter: a person whose job was to light street lamps
dusk: the time of day when the sun goes down
flame: the hot, bright part of a fire
glow: to shine with a soft light

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 Lamplighter Walks at Dusk

Triangle group

Long ago, the street lamps did not click on by themselves. A man called a lamplighter did the job.

At dusk, he walked down the street with a long pole. The pole had a small flame on the end. He lifted it to each lamp. Poof! The lamp glowed. Then he walked on to the next one.

In the morning, he came back. He put out each lamp. The streets were safer at night with his lamps. Then people learned to use electric lights. Now the lights turn on without a lamplighter.

Questions

1. What was the man who lit the lamps called?

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2. What did he carry on his walk?

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3. When did he light the lamps?

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4. What did he do in the morning?

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Square group

Long ago, the lamps along the street did not switch on by themselves. A man known as a lamplighter had to do the job.

As the sun went down each evening, he walked along the street carrying a long pole with a small flame at the tip. He lifted the flame up to every lamp, and one by one the lamps began to glow. Then he hurried on to the next one.

When morning came, he returned and put out each lamp. With his lamps, the streets were safer at night. After people learned to use electric lights, the lamps could turn on without a lamplighter.

Questions

1. What was the man who lit the street lamps called?

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2. What did he carry as he walked along the street?

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3. When did the lamplighter light the lamps?

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4. What did he do when morning came?

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5. Why are lamplighters not needed anymore?

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For the teacher: The Lamplighter Walks at Dusk

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

Circle: The Lamplighter Walks at Dusk

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

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2. A long pole with a small flame.
3. At dusk.
4. He put out each lamp.
5. Electric lights turn on by themselves.

Triangle: The Lamplighter Walks at Dusk

This passage · 92 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

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2. A long pole with a small flame on the end.
3. At dusk.
4. He put out each lamp.
5. Electric lights turn on without a person lighting them.

Square: The Lamplighter Walks at Dusk

Harder · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.2

1. A lamplighter.
2. A long pole with a small flame at the tip.
3. As the sun went down in the evening.
4. He returned and put out each lamp.
5. Electric lights can turn on without a person lighting them.