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The Milk Wagon and Its Horse

Circle group

Long ago, milk came to your door. You did not go to a store.

At dawn, a horse pulled a wagon. The wagon had milk in glass bottles. The milkman put the bottles by each door.

The horse knew the way. Clip, clop, clip, clop! Kids put out the empty bottles. The milkman took them back.

Then trucks came. Trucks took the place of horses.

Questions

1. What pulled the milk wagon?

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2. What was the milk in?

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3. Where did the milkman leave the bottles?

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4. What took the place of horses later?

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5. Why did families put out the empty bottles?

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Words to know

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The Milk Wagon and Its Horse

Triangle group

Long ago, many families did not buy milk at a store. The milk came to their door!

Early in the morning, a horse pulled a wagon down the quiet street. The wagon was full of glass bottles of milk. The milkman hopped down from his seat. He left the cold bottles by each door.

The horse knew the way. It stopped at each house by itself. Clip, clop, clip, clop! Families put the empty bottles out for the milkman. He took them back to use again.

Later, trucks took the place of horses. Now most of us buy milk at a store.

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The Milk Wagon and Its Horse

Square group

Long ago, many families did not have to go to a store to get their milk, because the milk was brought right to their front door.

Early each morning, a horse pulled a wagon filled with glass bottles of milk down the street. The milkman climbed down and left the bottles beside each door.

The horse knew the route so well that it stopped at each house all by itself. Clip, clop, clip, clop! The families set out their empty bottles, and the milkman collected them so the bottles could be used again.

Eventually, trucks replaced the horses, and today most of us buy our milk at a store.

Questions

1. What animal pulled the milk wagon down the street?

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2. What was the milk kept in?

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3. Where did the milkman leave the bottles of milk?

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4. What replaced the horses eventually?

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For the teacher: The Milk Wagon and Its Horse

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

Circle: The Milk Wagon and Its Horse

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.2

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2. Glass bottles.
3. By each door.
4. Trucks.
5. So the milkman could take them back.

Triangle: The Milk Wagon and Its Horse

This passage · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

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3. By each door.
4. Trucks.
5. So the milkman could take them back and use them again.

Square: The Milk Wagon and Its Horse

Harder · 109 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.3

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2. Glass bottles.
3. Beside each door.
4. Trucks.
5. So the milkman could collect them and use them again.