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The Mole Who Wanted to See the Moon

Circle group

Moby the mole lived under a hill. It was dark in his home. His friends said, "The moon is so bright!"

"I want to see it," said Moby. But his eyes were tiny. He could not see far.

Moby felt sad. Then Winnie the owl came down. "I will tell you," she said. "The moon is round. It is pale like milk. It makes the grass shine."

Moby smiled. He could see the moon in his mind.

Questions

1. Where did Moby the mole live?

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2. Why could Moby not see the moon?

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3. Who came down to help Moby?

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4. What does the moon make shine?

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5. How did Winnie help Moby know the moon?

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Words to know

mole: a small animal that digs and lives under the ground
pale: light in color, not dark
tiny: very, very small
shine: to give off 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 Mole Who Wanted to See the Moon

Triangle group

Moby the mole lived under a hill. It was dark in his home. He heard his friends say, "The moon is so bright!"

"I want to see it," said Moby. But his eyes were tiny. He could not see far.

Moby sat and felt sad. Then Winnie the owl came down. "I will tell you about it," she said. "The moon is round. It is as pale as milk. It makes the grass shine."

Moby smiled. He could see the moon in his mind. "Thank you," he said. "Now I know it, too."

Questions

1. Where did Moby the mole live?

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2. Why could Moby not see the moon?

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3. Who came down to help Moby?

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4. What did Winnie say the moon makes shine?

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5. How did Winnie help Moby know the moon?

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The Mole Who Wanted to See the Moon

Square group

Moby the mole lived in a snug burrow beneath a hill, where it was always dark. One evening he overheard his friends saying, "The moon is so bright tonight!"

"I would love to see it," said Moby. Unfortunately, his eyes were tiny, and he could not see very far at all.

Moby sat quietly and felt sad. Just then Winnie the owl swooped down beside him. "Let me describe it," she said. "The moon is perfectly round, and it is as pale as milk. Its glow makes every blade of grass shine."

Moby smiled. He could picture the moon clearly in his mind. "Thank you, Winnie," he said. "Now I know the moon, too."

Questions

1. Where did Moby the mole live?

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2. Why could Moby not see the moon?

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3. Who swooped down to help Moby?

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4. What did Winnie say the moon's glow makes shine?

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5. How did Winnie's words help Moby know the moon?

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For the teacher: The Mole Who Wanted to See the Moon

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

Circle: The Mole Who Wanted to See the Moon

Easier · 77 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. Under a hill.
2. His eyes were tiny.
3. Winnie the owl.
4. The grass.
5. She told him about it, so he could see it in his mind.

Triangle: The Mole Who Wanted to See the Moon

This passage · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. Under a hill.
2. His eyes were tiny and he could not see far.
3. Winnie the owl.
4. The grass.
5. She told him about it, so he could picture it in his mind.

Square: The Mole Who Wanted to See the Moon

Harder · 114 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. In a burrow beneath a hill.
2. His eyes were tiny, so he could not see far.
3. Winnie the owl.
4. Every blade of grass.
5. She described it, so he could picture it in his mind even though he could not see it.