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The New Baby Has Hiccups

Circle group

Sam had a new baby sister. Her name was Joy. Joy cried a lot. Sam felt cross. Mom was busy with her.

One day Joy got the hiccups. Hic! Hic! Her face looked so surprised.

Mom was in the shower. Sam did not know what to do. He made a silly face. Joy still had hiccups. Then he sang a song about a frog.

Joy smiled. The hiccups stopped.

"I can help," said Sam. He felt like a big brother.

Questions

1. What was the baby's name?

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2. Why was Sam cross?

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3. Where was Mom?

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4. What did Sam sing about?

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5. How did Sam feel at the end?

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Words to know

cross: a little bit angry or upset
hiccup: a quick jump in your chest that makes a sound
surprised: feeling that something is new or not expected

silly: funny in a way that makes people laugh

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 New Baby Has Hiccups

Triangle group

Sam had a new baby sister named Joy. Joy cried a lot. Sam felt cross. Mom was always busy with her.

One day Joy got the hiccups. Hic! Hic! Her face looked so surprised.

Mom was in the shower. Sam did not know what to do. He tried a silly face. Joy kept hiccuping. Then he sang a funny song about a frog.

Joy smiled. The hiccups stopped.

"I can help," said Sam. He felt like a real big brother. He ran to tell Mom the good news. She gave him a big hug.

Questions

1. What was the baby's name?

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2. Why did Sam feel cross?

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3. Where was Mom when Joy got the hiccups?

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4. What did Sam sing about?

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5. How did Sam feel at the end?

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Words to know

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The New Baby Has Hiccups

Square group

Sam had a brand new baby sister named Joy. Joy cried often, and Sam felt cross because Mom was always busy taking care of her.

One afternoon, Joy got the hiccups. Hic! Hic! Her little face looked so surprised each time.

Mom happened to be in the shower, and Sam was not sure what to do. First he tried making a silly face, but Joy kept hiccuping. Then he sang a funny song about a frog.

Joy smiled at him, and the hiccups stopped.

"I can help," Sam said proudly. He felt like a real big brother.

Questions

1. What was the name of Sam's baby sister?

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2. Why did Sam feel cross at the start?

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3. Where was Mom when Joy got the hiccups?

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4. What did Sam sing a funny song about?

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5. How did Sam feel at the end, and how can you tell?

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For the teacher: The New Baby Has Hiccups

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

Circle: The New Baby Has Hiccups

Easier · 80 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.4

1. Joy.
2. Joy cried a lot and Mom was busy with her.
3. In the shower.
4. A frog.
5. Proud, like a real big brother.

Triangle: The New Baby Has Hiccups

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. Joy.
2. Joy cried a lot and Mom was always busy with her.
3. In the shower.
4. A frog.
5. Proud, like a real big brother.

Square: The New Baby Has Hiccups

Harder · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. Joy.
2. Joy cried often, and Mom was always busy taking care of her.
3. In the shower.
4. A frog.
5. He felt proud, because he said he could help and felt like a real big brother.