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The Otter Who Kept the Wrong Rock

Circle group

Olive the otter had a flat rock. She used it to crack shells. It was her best tool.

One day she found a rock by the river. It looked like hers. She took it home. It had a mark on it. It was not her rock. It was Otto's rock.

Olive felt a pinch in her tummy. She did not want to give it up. But it was not hers.

She took it back. "I got your rock by mistake," she said. Otto grinned.

Questions

1. What did Olive use her rock for?

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2. Where did Olive find the other rock?

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3. Whose rock was it?

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4. What did Olive do with the rock?

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5. Why did Olive feel a pinch in her tummy?

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Words to know

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crack: to break open
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grin: to smile in a big way

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Otter Who Kept the Wrong Rock

Triangle group

Olive the otter had a flat rock. She used it to crack shells. It was her best tool.

One day Olive found a rock by the river. It looked just like hers. She took it home. But when she tried it, the rock had a mark on it. It was not her rock. It was Otto's rock.

Olive felt a pinch in her tummy. She did not want to give it up. But she knew it was not hers.

She took it back to Otto. "I got your rock by mistake," she said. Otto grinned. "Thank you for telling me," he said.

Questions

1. What did Olive use her flat rock for?

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2. Where did Olive find the other rock?

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3. Whose rock was it?

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The Otter Who Kept the Wrong Rock

Square group

Olive the otter owned a flat rock that she used to crack open shells. It was her very best tool.

One afternoon Olive spotted a rock beside the river that looked exactly like hers. She carried it home, but when she tried it, she noticed a small mark on its side. It was not her rock after all. It belonged to Otto.

Olive felt a pinch in her tummy. She did not want to give it up, but she knew that it was not hers to keep.

She returned it to Otto right away. "I took your rock by mistake," she admitted. Otto grinned and said, "Thank you for telling me the truth."

Questions

1. What did Olive use her flat rock to do?

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2. Where did Olive spot the other rock?

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3. Who did the rock belong to?

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4. What did Olive do with the rock?

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5. Why did Olive feel a pinch in her tummy?

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For the teacher: The Otter Who Kept the Wrong Rock

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

Circle: The Otter Who Kept the Wrong Rock

Easier · 84 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

1. To crack shells.
2. By the river.
3. Otto's rock.
4. She took it back to Otto.
5. She did not want to give it up, but it was not hers.

Triangle: The Otter Who Kept the Wrong Rock

This passage · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

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2. By the river.
3. Otto's rock.
4. She took it back to Otto.
5. She did not want to give the rock up, but she knew it was not hers.

Square: The Otter Who Kept the Wrong Rock

Harder · 113 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. To crack open shells.
2. Beside the river.
3. Otto.
4. She returned it to Otto right away.
5. She did not want to give the rock up, but she knew it was not hers to keep.