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The Parrot Who Could Not Keep a Secret

Circle group

Polly the parrot could copy words. It was fun.

Mimi the mouse said, "I have a party for Ben. Keep it a secret." "I will!" said Polly.

But Ben came by the tree. Polly said, "A party for Ben!" Ben stopped. "What party?" he said.

Mimi was upset. Polly felt bad. "I am sorry," she said. Mimi forgave her. Polly hung up the paper stars.

Questions

1. What could Polly do?

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2. Who was the party for?

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3. What did Mimi ask Polly to do?

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4. How did Polly help at the end?

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5. Why was Mimi upset?

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Words to know

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upset: unhappy about something
forgave: to stop being mad at someone

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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.
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The Parrot Who Could Not Keep a Secret

Triangle group

Polly the parrot could copy any word she heard. She thought it was fun.

One day Mimi the mouse said, "I am planning a party for Ben. Please keep it a secret." "I will!" said Polly.

But Polly was in the tree when Ben walked by. She said, in Mimi's voice, "A party for Ben!" Ben stopped. "What party?" he asked.

Mimi was upset. Polly felt bad. "I am sorry," she said. "I will think before I talk."

Mimi forgave her. Polly helped hang the paper stars. Ben was still glad for his party, and he gave Polly a big hug.

Questions

1. What could Polly the parrot do?

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2. Who was the party for?

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3. What did Mimi ask Polly to do?

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The Parrot Who Could Not Keep a Secret

Square group

Polly the parrot could copy any word that she heard, and she thought it was great fun.

One day Mimi the mouse confided, "I am planning a surprise party for Ben. Please keep it a secret." "I promise!" said Polly.

Unfortunately, Polly was sitting in the tree when Ben strolled past. She repeated, in Mimi's voice, "A party for Ben!" Ben stopped and asked, "What party?"

Mimi was upset, and Polly felt terrible. "I am truly sorry," she said. "From now on, I will think before I talk."

Mimi forgave her, and Polly helped hang the paper stars. Ben was still glad about his party.

Questions

1. What could Polly the parrot do?

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2. Who was the surprise party for?

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3. What did Mimi ask Polly to do?

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4. How did Polly help once Mimi forgave her?

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5. Why was Mimi upset with Polly?

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For the teacher: The Parrot Who Could Not Keep a Secret

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

Circle: The Parrot Who Could Not Keep a Secret

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. Copy any word she heard.
2. Ben.
3. Keep it a secret.
4. She helped hang the paper stars.
5. Polly let the secret out.

Triangle: The Parrot Who Could Not Keep a Secret

This passage · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. Copy any word she heard.
2. Ben.
3. Keep the party a secret.
4. She helped hang the paper stars.
5. Polly let the secret out, and Ben heard about the party.

Square: The Parrot Who Could Not Keep a Secret

Harder · 105 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. Copy any word that she heard.
2. Ben.
3. Keep the party a secret.
4. She helped hang the paper stars.
5. Polly repeated the secret, so Ben learned about the party.