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The Scab Is a Bandage

Circle group

Oops! Leo trips. He scrapes his knee. It stings. A little blood comes out. Then something clever happens.

The blood gets thick. It dries into a hard, dark crust. The crust is a scab. It covers the scrape like a bandage. It keeps dirt out.

New skin grows under it. That takes days. Do not pick the scab. It falls off when the skin is ready.

Questions

1. What does Leo scrape?

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2. What does the blood turn into?

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3. What does the scab keep out?

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4. What grows under the scab?

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5. Why should you not pick a scab?

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Words to know

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scab: the hard crust that forms over a cut
crust: a hard layer on top of something
clever: smart and good at solving a problem

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 Scab Is a Bandage

Triangle group

Oops! Leo trips and scrapes his knee. It stings, and a little blood comes out. Then something clever happens.

The blood gets thick and sticky. It dries into a hard, dark crust. This crust is called a scab. It covers the scrape like a bandage and keeps dirt out.

Under the scab, new skin grows. It takes some days. Try not to pick at a scab. If you leave it alone, it falls off when the skin below is ready. Washing a scrape with soap and water helps, too.

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2. What does the blood turn into?

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3. What does the scab keep out?

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Square group

Oops! Leo trips on the sidewalk and scrapes his knee. It stings, and a little blood seeps out. Then something clever begins to happen.

The blood grows thick and sticky, and it slowly dries into a hard, dark crust known as a scab. The scab covers the scrape the way a bandage would, and it keeps dirt from getting in.

Underneath it, new skin is growing, which takes several days. It is best not to pick at a scab. If you leave it alone, it will fall off by itself once the skin below is ready.

Questions

1. Which part of his body does Leo scrape?

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2. What does the blood slowly turn into?

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3. What does the scab keep from getting in?

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4. What is growing underneath the scab?

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5. Why is it best not to pick at a scab?

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For the teacher: The Scab Is a Bandage

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

Circle: The Scab Is a Bandage

Easier · 66 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. His knee.
2. A hard, dark crust called a scab.
3. Dirt.
4. New skin.
5. It protects the new skin until it is ready.

Triangle: The Scab Is a Bandage

This passage · 89 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. His knee.
2. A hard, dark crust called a scab.
3. Dirt.
4. New skin.
5. It is protecting the new skin, so it should stay until the skin is ready.

Square: The Scab Is a Bandage

Harder · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. His knee.
2. A hard, dark crust known as a scab.
3. Dirt.
4. New skin.
5. The scab protects the new skin, so it should stay until the skin is ready.