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The Snail Train to the Garden Gate

Circle group

Tomas found a tiny train in the garden. It had six cars. Six snails pulled it.

"All aboard!" said an ant. He was the driver. Tomas got small and hopped on.

The train went slow. Tomas saw a big leaf. He saw a worm. He waved at a bee.

At the gate, the train stopped. Tomas got big again. He gave the snails a lettuce leaf.

Questions

1. How many cars did the tiny train have?

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2. What pulled the train?

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3. Who was the driver?

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4. Where did the train stop?

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5. Why did the leaf look so big?

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6. Why did Tomas give the snails a lettuce leaf?

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Words to know

train: a long line of cars that rolls along a track
garden: a place where plants and flowers grow
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gate: a door in a fence

Talk together (every group has these)

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Triangle group

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"All aboard!" said a little ant. He was the train driver. Tomas shrank down to ant size and hopped on.

The train went slow. Tomas saw a leaf as big as a roof. He saw a worm in the dirt. He waved at a bee.

At the gate, the train stopped. Tomas grew big again. He gave the snails a lettuce leaf to say thank you.

Questions

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2. What pulled the train?

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3. Who was the train driver?

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4. Where did the train stop?

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Square group

Tomas discovered a tiny train in the garden. It had six little cars, and six snails were pulling it along.

"All aboard!" called a little ant. He was the driver of the train. Tomas shrank down to the size of an ant and hopped on.

The train traveled very slowly. Tomas saw a leaf as big as a roof. He saw a worm wriggling in the dirt. He even waved at a bee.

When the train reached the garden gate, it stopped. Tomas grew big again. To say thank you, he gave the snails a lettuce leaf.

Questions

1. How many cars did the tiny train have?

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2. What was pulling the train along?

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3. Who was the driver of the train?

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4. Where did the train stop at the end of the ride?

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5. Why did a leaf look as big as a roof to Tomas?

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6. Why did Tomas give the snails a lettuce leaf?

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For the teacher: The Snail Train to the Garden Gate

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

Circle: The Snail Train to the Garden Gate

Easier · 66 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. Six cars.
2. Six snails.
3. An ant.
4. At the gate.
5. Tomas was as small as an ant.
6. To say thank you.

Triangle: The Snail Train to the Garden Gate

This passage · 83 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. Six cars.
2. Six snails.
3. A little ant.
4. At the garden gate.
5. Tomas was shrunk down to the size of an ant.
6. To say thank you for the ride.

Square: The Snail Train to the Garden Gate

Harder · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. Six cars.
2. Six snails.
3. A little ant.
4. At the garden gate.
5. He had shrunk down to the size of an ant.
6. He wanted to thank them for the ride.