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The Spoon That Stirred Up Snow

Circle group

Mina has a silver spoon. When she stirs a cup, the weather changes inside it.

She stirs once and a small cloud puffs up. She stirs twice and it snows. Tiny flakes fall in the cup.

It is a hot day. Mina's brother Leo is too warm. "I wish it were winter," he says.

Mina stirs a bowl of water. Snow falls in it. Leo puts his hands in the cold flakes. He grins.

Questions

1. What kind of spoon does Mina have?

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2. What happens when Mina stirs once?

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3. What happens when she stirs twice?

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4. Who is too warm?

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5. Why does Mina make snow in the bowl?

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6. How does Leo feel at the end?

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Words to know

stir: to move around in a circle
weather: what the sky and air are like outside
flakes: small, light pieces of snow
silver: a shiny gray color, like a coin or a spoon

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.
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Triangle group

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She stirs once and a small cloud puffs up. She stirs twice and it starts to snow. Tiny flakes fall in the cup.

It is a hot day. Mina's little brother Leo is too warm. "I wish it were winter," he says.

Mina stirs a bowl of water. Snow falls into it. Leo puts his hands in the cold flakes. He grins. "Thank you!" he says.

Questions

1. What kind of spoon does Mina have?

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2. What happens when Mina stirs once?

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3. What happens when she stirs twice?

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4. Who is too warm?

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5. Why does Mina make snow in the bowl?

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6. How does Leo feel at the end?

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The Spoon That Stirred Up Snow

Square group

Mina owns a silver spoon with an amazing power. Whenever she stirs a cup, the weather inside it begins to change.

If she stirs once, a small cloud puffs up. If she stirs twice, it starts to snow, and tiny flakes drift down into the cup.

One hot afternoon, Mina's little brother Leo felt much too warm. "I wish it were winter," he sighed.

Mina stirred a big bowl of water with her spoon. Snow began to fall into it. Leo plunged his hands into the cold flakes and grinned. "Thank you!" he said happily.

Questions

1. What kind of spoon does Mina own?

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2. What happens if Mina stirs once?

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3. What happens if she stirs twice?

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4. Who felt much too warm on the hot afternoon?

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5. Why does Mina stir snow into the bowl?

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6. How does Leo feel at the end, and how do you know?

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For the teacher: The Spoon That Stirred Up Snow

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

Circle: The Spoon That Stirred Up Snow

Easier · 74 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. A silver spoon.
2. A small cloud puffs up.
3. It snows.
4. Her brother Leo.
5. She wants to help Leo cool off.
6. Happy. He grins.

Triangle: The Spoon That Stirred Up Snow

This passage · 81 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. A silver spoon.
2. A small cloud puffs up.
3. It starts to snow.
4. Mina's little brother Leo.
5. She wants to help Leo cool off on the hot day.
6. Happy, because he grins and says thank you.

Square: The Spoon That Stirred Up Snow

Harder · 95 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. A silver spoon.
2. A small cloud puffs up.
3. It starts to snow.
4. Mina's little brother Leo.
5. She wants to help Leo cool off.
6. Happy, because he grins and says thank you.