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The Town Meeting in the School Gym

Circle group

Some small towns have a town meeting. Neighbors meet in a big room, like a school gym.

Everyone sits. A leader tells what the town must decide. Maybe the park needs a new swing set.

Neighbors talk. One person talks at a time. The others listen.

Then they vote. People raise their hands. The leader counts the hands. The choice with the most hands wins.

At a town meeting, each neighbor has a voice.

Questions

1. Where might a town meeting be?

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2. What does the leader tell at the start?

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3. How do people vote?

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4. Which choice wins?

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5. Why does one person talk at a time?

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Words to know

meeting: a time when people come together to talk
decide: to pick what to do
vote: a way to choose by counting what people want

voice: a say in what happens

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 Town Meeting in the School Gym

Triangle group

Some small towns hold a town meeting. The neighbors meet in a big room, like a school gym.

Everyone sits down. A leader says what the town needs to decide. Maybe the town needs a new swing set for the park.

Neighbors can talk. One person speaks at a time. The others listen.

Then comes the vote. People raise their hands. The leader counts the hands. The choice with the most hands wins.

At a town meeting, each neighbor gets a voice.

Questions

1. Where might a town meeting be held?

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2. What does the leader say at the start?

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3. How do people vote at this meeting?

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4. Which choice wins the vote?

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5. Why does only one person speak at a time?

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The Town Meeting in the School Gym

Square group

Some small towns hold a town meeting, where neighbors gather together in a large room such as a school gym.

Once everyone has taken a seat, a leader explains what the town needs to decide. Perhaps the park needs a new swing set.

The neighbors are allowed to talk about the idea. Only one person speaks at a time, while the others listen politely.

After the talking is finished, it is time to vote. People raise their hands, and the leader counts every hand. The choice with the most hands wins.

At a town meeting, each neighbor is given a voice.

Questions

1. Where might a town meeting take place?

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2. What does the leader explain at the start?

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3. How do people vote at this kind of meeting?

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4. Which choice wins the vote?

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5. Why does only one person speak at a time?

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For the teacher: The Town Meeting in the School Gym

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

Circle: The Town Meeting in the School Gym

Easier · 74 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

1. In a big room, like a school gym.
2. What the town must decide.
3. They raise their hands.
4. The choice with the most hands.
5. So the others can listen.

Triangle: The Town Meeting in the School Gym

This passage · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

1. In a big room, like a school gym.
2. What the town needs to decide.
3. They raise their hands.
4. The choice with the most hands.
5. So the others can listen and everyone can be heard.

Square: The Town Meeting in the School Gym

Harder · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.7

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3. They raise their hands.
4. The choice with the most hands.
5. So the others can listen and every person can be heard.