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Tuba in the Bathtub

Circle group

Gus loved his big gold tuba. He played it all day. Oom-pah, oom-pah!

One night, Mom said, "Bath time, Gus." Gus went to the tub. He took his tuba, too.

He blew a note. Splash! Bubbles came out. They went up to the ceiling. Pop, pop, pop!

"Gus!" said Mom, and she laughed.

"It was thirsty," said Gus.

Mom dried the tuba. Gus dried himself. The tuba slept in a chair.

Questions

1. What did Gus love to play?

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2. What was it time for?

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3. What came out of the tuba?

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4. Where did the tuba sleep?

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5. Why did bubbles come out?

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Words to know

tuba: a big, loud horn made of metal
bubbles: round balls of soap and air
ceiling: the top part of a room

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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Tuba in the Bathtub

Triangle group

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One night, Mom said, "Bath time, Gus." Gus went to the tub, and he took his tuba, too.

He blew a note. Splash! Bubbles shot out of the tuba. They went up to the ceiling. Pop, pop, pop!

"Gus!" said Mom, with a laugh. "The tuba needs a bath, too?"

"It was thirsty," said Gus.

Mom dried the tuba with a towel. Gus dried himself. Then they both went to bed, and the tuba got to sleep in a chair.

Questions

1. What did Gus love to play?

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2. What did Mom say it was time for?

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3. What came out of the tuba in the tub?

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4. Where did the tuba sleep?

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5. Why did bubbles come out of the tuba?

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Tuba in the Bathtub

Square group

Gus adored his big gold tuba, and he played it from morning until night. Oom-pah, oom-pah!

One evening, Mom called, "Bath time, Gus." Gus marched to the bathroom and brought his tuba along with him.

He blew a long, loud note. Splash! A cloud of bubbles burst out of the tuba and floated all the way up to the ceiling. Pop, pop, pop!

"Gus!" said Mom, laughing. "Does the tuba need a bath, too?"

"It was thirsty," Gus explained.

Mom dried the tuba with a fluffy towel while Gus dried himself. Then they both went to bed, and the tuba slept in a chair.

Questions

1. What did Gus adore playing?

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2. What did Mom call out in the evening?

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3. What burst out of the tuba in the bathroom?

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4. Where did the tuba sleep at night?

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5. Why did a cloud of bubbles come out of the tuba?

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For the teacher: Tuba in the Bathtub

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

Circle: Tuba in the Bathtub

Easier · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. A big gold tuba.
2. Bath time.
3. Bubbles.
4. In a chair.
5. Gus blew into the tuba in the bath water.

Triangle: Tuba in the Bathtub

This passage · 95 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. A big gold tuba.
2. Bath time.
3. Bubbles.
4. In a chair.
5. Gus blew into it while it was in the bath water.

Square: Tuba in the Bathtub

Harder · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. His big gold tuba.
2. "Bath time, Gus."
3. A cloud of bubbles.
4. In a chair.
5. Gus blew into it while it was sitting in the bath water.