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A Tube, Wax Paper and a Buzzing Hum

Circle group

You can make a kazoo. You need a paper tube, wax paper and a rubber band.

Cover one end of the tube with the wax paper. Put the rubber band on it. A grown-up pokes a small hole in the side.

Hum into the open end. Do not blow. The paper shakes. It buzzes! Try a song you know.

Questions

1. What do you need to make a kazoo?

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2. What covers one end of the tube?

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3. What holds the paper on?

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4. Who pokes the hole?

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5. Why does the kazoo buzz?

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6. What should you not do into the tube?

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Words to know

kazoo: a small instrument that buzzes when you hum into it

tube: a long, round shape that is open or empty inside

hum: to sing a tune with your lips closed

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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Triangle group

You can make a kazoo from a paper tube. You need a square of wax paper and a rubber band.

First, cover one end of the tube with the wax paper. Next, put the rubber band around it so the paper stays tight. Last, ask a grown-up to poke a small hole in the side of the tube.

Now hum into the open end. Do not blow, just hum! The paper shakes. It makes a buzzing sound, and your tune comes out funny and loud. Try humming a song you know.

Questions

1. What do you need to make a kazoo?

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2. What covers one end of the tube?

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3. What holds the paper in place?

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4. Who pokes the hole in the tube?

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5. What do you do to make the sound?

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6. Why does the kazoo buzz?

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Words to know

kazoo: a small instrument that buzzes when you hum into it
tube: a long, round shape that is open or empty inside
tight: pulled snug, with no slack
hum: to sing a tune with your lips closed

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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Square group

With a few simple things, you can build your own kazoo. You will need a paper tube, a square of wax paper and a rubber band.

First, cover one end of the tube with the wax paper. Next, stretch the rubber band around the paper so that it stays tight. Then ask a grown-up to poke a small hole in the side of the tube.

Now hum into the open end. Do not blow into it, just hum! The wax paper shakes quickly, and a buzzing sound comes out. Your tune will sound funny and loud, so try humming a song that you know well.

Questions

1. What things do you need to build a kazoo?

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2. What goes over one end of the tube?

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3. What keeps the paper tight?

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4. Who should poke the hole in the side?

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5. How do you make the sound?

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6. What makes the buzzing sound?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: A Tube, Wax Paper and a Buzzing Hum

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

Circle: A Tube, Wax Paper and a Buzzing Hum

Easier · 60 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. A paper tube, wax paper and a rubber band.
2. Wax paper.
3. A rubber band.
4. A grown-up.
5. The paper shakes when you hum.
6. Blow. You should hum.

Triangle: A Tube, Wax Paper and a Buzzing Hum

This passage · 92 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. A paper tube, wax paper and a rubber band.
2. Wax paper.
3. A rubber band.
4. A grown-up.
5. Hum into the open end.
6. The paper shakes when you hum.

Square: A Tube, Wax Paper and a Buzzing Hum

Harder · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. A paper tube, wax paper and a rubber band.
2. A square of wax paper.
3. A rubber band.
4. A grown-up.
5. Hum into the open end without blowing.
6. The wax paper shakes quickly when you hum.