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Two Left Mittens

Circle group

On the first snowy day, Abe lost a mitten. One hand was cold. He hid it in his pocket.

A girl named Fern sat by him on the bus. She had two left mittens. They were green.

"Mom bought the wrong pair," she said.

"I have one right mitten," said Abe. He showed her his red one.

Fern gave him a green mitten. Abe gave her the red one. Now each had a left and a right. They laughed at how silly they looked.

Questions

1. What did Abe lose?

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2. Who sat by Abe on the bus?

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3. What was wrong with Fern's mittens?

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4. What color mitten did Abe give Fern?

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5. Why was the trade a good idea?

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Words to know

mitten: a warm cover for the hand with one place for the thumb
pocket: a small bag sewn into clothes
wrong: not right or not what you wanted
pair: two things that go together

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

On the first snowy day, Abe lost one mitten. His other hand was cold. He hid it in his pocket.

A girl named Fern sat next to him on the bus. She had two left mittens. They were green, and they were the same.

"I know," she said. "Mom bought the wrong pair."

"I have one right mitten," said Abe. He showed her his red one.

Fern gave him a green mitten. Abe gave her the red one. Now each had a left and a right. They laughed at how silly they looked.

Questions

1. What did Abe lose?

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2. Where did Abe sit on the bus?

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3. What was wrong with Fern's mittens?

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4. What color mitten did Abe give Fern?

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5. Why was trading mittens a good idea?

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Square group

On the first snowy day of winter, Abe lost one of his mittens. His bare hand grew cold, so he tucked it into his pocket.

A girl named Fern sat beside him on the bus. She was wearing two left mittens, and both of them were green.

"I know they look odd," she said. "My mom bought the wrong pair."

"I still have one right mitten," said Abe, and he showed her his red one.

Fern handed him a green mitten, and Abe handed her the red one. Now each of them had a left mitten and a right mitten. They laughed at how silly they looked.

Questions

1. What did Abe lose on the first snowy day?

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2. Who sat beside Abe on the bus?

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3. What was wrong with the mittens that Fern wore?

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4. What color was the mitten that Abe gave to Fern?

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5. Why was trading mittens a smart idea for both children?

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For the teacher: Two Left Mittens

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

Circle: Two Left Mittens

Easier · 84 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. One mitten.
2. A girl named Fern.
3. Both were for the left hand.
4. Red.
5. Each one got a mitten for each hand.

Triangle: Two Left Mittens

This passage · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. One mitten.
2. Next to a girl named Fern.
3. Both of them were for the left hand.
4. Red.
5. Each child ended up with one mitten for each hand.

Square: Two Left Mittens

Harder · 107 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. One of his mittens.
2. A girl named Fern.
3. Both of them were for the left hand.
4. Red.
5. Each child ended up with one mitten for each hand.