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Two Left Shoes for Mr. Gruff

Circle group

Mr. Gruff got new shoes. He put them on and went for a walk.

Step, step, trip! He fell on the grass. Step, step, trip! He fell again.

"These shoes are silly," he said.

A girl named Pat looked at his feet. "You have two left shoes," she said.

He went back to the shop. The man gave him a right shoe. Now Mr. Gruff could walk well. He gave Pat a big smile.

Questions

1. Where did Mr. Gruff get his shoes?

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2. What happened when he walked?

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3. Who saw the problem?

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4. What did the shop man give him?

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5. Why did Mr. Gruff keep falling?

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Words to know

shoes: things you wear on your feet

silly: funny in a goofy way

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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Two Left Shoes for Mr. Gruff

Triangle group

Mr. Gruff got new shoes at the shop. He put them on and went for a walk.

Step, step, trip! He fell on the grass. Step, step, trip! He fell again.

"These shoes are silly," said Mr. Gruff. "They want to go in a circle!"

A girl named Pat looked at his feet. "Mr. Gruff, you have two left shoes," she said.

Mr. Gruff looked down. She was right! He went back to the shop. The man gave him a right shoe. Now Mr. Gruff could walk in a straight line, and he gave Pat a big smile.

Questions

1. Where did Mr. Gruff get his new shoes?

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2. What happened when Mr. Gruff walked?

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3. Who saw the problem with the shoes?

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4. What did the shop man give Mr. Gruff?

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5. Why did the shoes make Mr. Gruff walk in a circle?

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Words to know

shoes: things you wear on your feet
silly: funny in a goofy way
circle: a round shape
straight: going one way, with no bends

Talk together (every group has these)

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Two Left Shoes for Mr. Gruff

Square group

Mr. Gruff bought a brand new pair of shoes at the shoe shop. He put them on right away and set off for a long walk through the park.

Step, step, trip! He tumbled onto the grass. Step, step, trip! He tumbled down once more.

"These shoes are very silly," grumbled Mr. Gruff. "They seem to want to walk in a circle!"

A girl named Pat looked carefully at his feet. "Mr. Gruff, you are wearing two left shoes," she told him.

Mr. Gruff looked down, and she was absolutely right! He marched back to the shop, where the shopkeeper handed him a right shoe. At last Mr. Gruff could walk in a straight line, and he gave Pat a very big smile.

Questions

1. Where did Mr. Gruff buy his new shoes?

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2. What kept happening each time Mr. Gruff took steps?

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3. Who noticed the problem with his shoes?

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4. What did the shopkeeper hand Mr. Gruff?

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5. Why did the shoes make Mr. Gruff stumble and want to walk in a circle?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Two Left Shoes for Mr. Gruff

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

Circle: Two Left Shoes for Mr. Gruff

Easier · 74 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.1

1. He got them at the shop.
2. He fell on the grass.
3. A girl named Pat.
4. A right shoe.
5. He had two left shoes, so they did not fit right.

Triangle: Two Left Shoes for Mr. Gruff

This passage · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. He got them at the shop.
2. He kept falling on the grass.
3. A girl named Pat.
4. A right shoe.
5. Both shoes were for the left foot, so they did not fit right.

Square: Two Left Shoes for Mr. Gruff

Harder · 123 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. He bought them at the shoe shop.
2. He tumbled onto the grass.
3. A girl named Pat noticed it.
4. A right shoe.
5. Both shoes were made for the left foot, so they did not fit properly.