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Why a Stop Sign Has Eight Sides

Circle group

A stop sign is red. It has white letters. The letters say STOP. It has eight sides.

The shape is special. A driver can know it from far away. It helps when snow covers the letters.

A driver sees the sign. The car stops. The driver looks both ways. Then it is safe to go.

A stop sign is a rule. It keeps people safe.

Questions

1. How many sides does a stop sign have?

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2. What color is a stop sign?

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3. What does a driver do at a stop sign?

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4. Why does the shape help a driver?

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5. Why is a stop sign a rule that keeps people safe?

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Words to know

driver: a person who steers a car
special: not the same as other things
rule: something everyone must do to stay safe
safe: not likely to get hurt

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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Why a Stop Sign Has Eight Sides

Triangle group

A stop sign is red. It has white letters that say STOP. And it has eight sides.

The shape is special. It helps a driver know the sign from far away. It helps even when snow covers the letters.

When a driver sees a stop sign, the car must stop. The driver looks both ways. Then the driver goes when it is safe.

A stop sign is a rule that keeps people safe. Walkers and drivers can all get where they are going.

Questions

1. How many sides does a stop sign have?

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2. What color is a stop sign?

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3. What does a driver do at a stop sign?

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4. Why does the special shape help a driver?

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5. Why is a stop sign called a rule that keeps people safe?

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Words to know

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Why a Stop Sign Has Eight Sides

Square group

A stop sign is bright red, and it has white letters that spell the word STOP. It also has eight sides, which makes it different from most other signs.

That special shape helps a driver recognize the sign from far away. It even helps when snow has covered up the letters.

When a driver sees a stop sign, the car must come to a full stop. The driver looks both ways, and then the driver goes only when it is safe.

A stop sign is a rule that protects people. Walkers and drivers can all reach the places they are going.

Questions

1. How many sides does a stop sign have?

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2. What color is a stop sign, and what color are its letters?

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3. What does a driver do when the car reaches a stop sign?

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4. How does the special shape help a driver?

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5. Why is a stop sign called a rule that protects people?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Why a Stop Sign Has Eight Sides

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

Circle: Why a Stop Sign Has Eight Sides

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Eight sides.
2. Red, with white letters.
3. The driver stops and looks both ways.
4. The driver can know the sign from far away.
5. Cars stop, so people do not get hurt.

Triangle: Why a Stop Sign Has Eight Sides

This passage · 83 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. Eight sides.
2. Red, with white letters.
3. The driver stops and looks both ways.
4. The driver can know the sign from far away, even if snow covers the letters.
5. Cars stop and look, so walkers and drivers do not bump into each other.

Square: Why a Stop Sign Has Eight Sides

Harder · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.1

1. Eight sides.
2. The sign is red and the letters are white.
3. The driver stops the car and looks both ways.
4. The driver can recognize the sign from far away, even when snow covers the letters.
5. Cars stop and look, so walkers and drivers do not bump into each other.