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Why Does the Plant Droop?

Circle group

Sam looked at the plant on the shelf. Its leaves were soft and bent down. It looked sad.

Why did it droop? A plant needs water. Water goes up from the roots to the leaves. It holds them up. The soil was dry, so the leaves fell down.

Sam gave the plant a drink. Soon the leaves lifted. Sam will check the soil each day.

Questions

1. What did the leaves look like?

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2. What does a plant need to hold up its leaves?

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3. What did Sam give the plant?

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4. What will Sam do each day?

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5. Why did the plant droop?

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Words to know

droop: to bend or hang down
roots: the parts of a plant that grow in the soil
shelf: a flat board on a wall for holding things
lift: to move up

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 Does the Plant Droop?

Triangle group

Sam looked at the plant on the shelf. Its leaves were soft and bent down. It looked sad.

Why did it droop? A plant needs water. Water moves up from the roots to the stems and leaves. It helps hold them up. When the soil is dry, the plant has no water to lift its leaves.

Sam gave the plant a drink. In a few hours, the leaves began to lift. The next day, the plant stood up tall again. Sam learned to check the soil each day, and the plant stayed happy.

Questions

1. What did the plant's leaves look like?

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2. What does a plant need to hold up its leaves?

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3. What did Sam give the plant?

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4. What did Sam learn to do?

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5. Why did the plant droop?

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Why Does the Plant Droop?

Square group

Sam stopped to look at the plant on the shelf. Its leaves were soft and bent downward, and the whole plant looked rather sad.

Why had it started to droop? A plant needs water. Water travels up from the roots into the stems and leaves, and it helps hold them up. When the soil is dry, the plant has no water to lift its leaves.

Sam gave the plant a good drink. Within a few hours, the leaves began to rise, and by the next day the plant stood up tall again. From then on, Sam remembered to check the soil each day.

Questions

1. What did the leaves of the plant look like?

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2. What does a plant need in order to hold up its leaves?

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3. What did Sam give the plant to help it?

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4. What did Sam remember to do from then on?

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5. Why did the plant start to droop?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Why Does the Plant Droop?

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

Circle: Why Does the Plant Droop?

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. Soft and bent down.
2. Water.
3. A drink of water.
4. Check the soil.
5. The soil was dry, so it had no water.

Triangle: Why Does the Plant Droop?

This passage · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. They were soft and bent down.
2. Water.
3. A drink of water.
4. Check the soil each day.
5. The soil was dry, so the plant had no water.

Square: Why Does the Plant Droop?

Harder · 103 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.3

1. They were soft and bent downward.
2. Water.
3. A good drink of water.
4. Check the soil each day.
5. The soil was dry, so the plant had no water to lift its leaves.