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Why the Street Sweeper Comes Early

Circle group

Leaves fall from trees. Paper and sand blow down the road. A street sweeper truck cleans it up.

The truck has round brushes under it. They spin. They push the dirt to the middle. A strong wind tube sucks it up into a bin.

When it rains, water runs into drains. Leaves can plug a drain. Then the water cannot go down. A big puddle grows.

A clean street helps the rain.

Questions

1. What do the round brushes do?

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2. Where does the dirt go in the end?

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3. What can leaves do to a drain?

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4. What blows down the road with the leaves?

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5. Why does a plugged drain make a puddle?

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6. How does the sweeper help on a rainy day?

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Words to know

sweeper: a worker or a machine that cleans up dirt
brush: a tool with bristles for cleaning
drain: a hole that lets water run away
plug: to block something up
puddle: a small pool of water on the ground

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 the Street Sweeper Comes Early

Triangle group

Leaves fall from trees. Paper and sand blow down the road. All of this lands in the street. A street sweeper truck comes to clean it up.

The truck has big, round brushes underneath. The brushes spin and push the dirt into the middle. Then a strong wind tube sucks the dirt up into a bin.

Why does this matter? When it rains, water runs down the street into drains. Leaves can plug a drain. Then the water cannot go down, and a puddle grows big.

A clean street helps the rain go where it should.

Questions

1. What do the round brushes under the truck do?

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2. Where does the dirt go at last?

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3. What can leaves do to a drain?

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4. What blows down the road along with the leaves?

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5. Why does a plugged drain make a big puddle?

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6. How does the street sweeper help on a rainy day?

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Why the Street Sweeper Comes Early

Square group

Leaves fall from the trees, and paper and sand blow along the road. All of it ends up in the street, so a street sweeper truck comes to clean it away.

Underneath the truck are big, round brushes. They spin and push the dirt into the middle of the truck's path. Then a powerful tube sucks the dirt up into a large bin.

Why does this job matter? When it rains, water runs down the street and into the drains. A pile of leaves can plug a drain. Then the water cannot flow down, and a big puddle begins to grow.

A clean street helps the rain go where it belongs.

Questions

1. What do the big, round brushes underneath the truck do?

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2. Where does the dirt end up?

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3. What can a pile of leaves do to a drain?

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4. What blows along the road besides leaves?

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5. Why does a plugged drain cause a big puddle?

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6. How does the street sweeper help on a rainy day?

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For the teacher: Why the Street Sweeper Comes Early

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

Circle: Why the Street Sweeper Comes Early

Easier · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. They spin and push dirt to the middle.
2. Up into a bin.
3. Plug it.
4. Paper and sand.
5. The rain water cannot go down.
6. It cleans up leaves so rain can go in the drains.

Triangle: Why the Street Sweeper Comes Early

This passage · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

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2. Up into a bin.
3. Plug it.
4. Paper and sand.
5. The rain water cannot go down the drain.
6. It cleans away leaves so rain can run into the drains.

Square: Why the Street Sweeper Comes Early

Harder · 111 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.8

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2. Up in a large bin.
3. Plug it.
4. Paper and sand.
5. The rain water cannot flow down the drain.
6. It cleans away leaves so the rain can run into the drains.