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Why the Tailor Measures Twice

Circle group

Why does a tailor measure two times?

A tailor makes clothes for one person. Shop clothes are made for many. They fit most people, but not all. A tailor's coat fits you.

She wraps a soft tape on your arm and chest. She writes down each number. Then she measures again.

Cloth cannot be put back when it is cut. So she measures twice and cuts once.

Questions

1. Who does a tailor make clothes for?

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2. What does she wrap on your arm?

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3. What does she write down?

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4. How many times does she cut?

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5. Why can a tailor's coat fit better?

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6. Why does she measure twice?

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Words to know

tailor: a person who makes and fixes clothes
measure: to find out how big or long something is
tape: a long, bendy strip used for measuring
cloth: the soft stuff that clothes are made of

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 Tailor Measures Twice

Triangle group

Why does a tailor measure two times? Here is the reason.

A tailor makes clothes to fit just one person. Shop clothes are made for many people, so they fit most, but not all. A tailor's coat fits you.

First, she wraps a soft tape around your arm, your chest, and your back. She writes each number down. Then she measures again to be sure.

Cloth cannot be put back once it is cut. A mistake would waste the cloth. So she measures twice and cuts once.

Questions

1. Who does a tailor make clothes for?

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2. What does the tailor wrap around your arm and chest?

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3. What does she write down?

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4. How many times does she cut?

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5. Why can a tailor's coat fit better than a shop coat?

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6. Why does she measure twice before she cuts?

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Words to know

tailor: a person who makes and fixes clothes
measure: to find out how big or long something is
tape: a long, bendy strip used for measuring
cloth: the soft stuff that clothes are made of
mistake: something done the wrong way

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Why the Tailor Measures Twice

Square group

Why does a tailor measure two times before cutting? There is a good reason.

A tailor makes clothes to fit only one person. Clothes in a shop are made for many different people, so they fit most of them, but not all of them. A coat from a tailor is made to fit you.

To start, she wraps a soft tape around your arm, your chest, and your back, and she writes down each number. Then she measures everything again to be certain.

Once cloth has been cut, it cannot be put back together. A mistake would waste the cloth, so she measures twice and cuts only once.

Questions

1. Who does a tailor make clothes to fit?

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2. What does the tailor wrap around your arm, your chest, and your back?

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3. What does she write down?

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4. How many times does she cut the cloth?

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5. Why can a coat from a tailor fit better than a shop coat?

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6. Why does she measure twice before she cuts?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Why the Tailor Measures Twice

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

Circle: Why the Tailor Measures Twice

Easier · 67 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. One person.
2. A soft tape.
3. Each number.
4. Once.
5. It is made for just one person.
6. Cut cloth cannot be put back, so a mistake wastes it.

Triangle: Why the Tailor Measures Twice

This passage · 87 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. Just one person.
2. A soft tape.
3. Each number.
4. Once.
5. It is made for one person, not for many people.
6. Cloth cannot be put back, so a mistake would waste it.

Square: Why the Tailor Measures Twice

Harder · 108 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. Just one person.
2. A soft tape.
3. Each number.
4. Only once.
5. It is made for one person instead of many people.
6. Cut cloth cannot be put back, so a mistake would waste it.