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Wind Chimes Sing When the Breeze Blows

Circle group

A wind chime has hanging pipes or bells. It plays with no player.

The pipes hang from strings. A small weight hangs in the middle. It is the clapper. A flat piece hangs below. It is the sail. The sail catches the wind.

The wind blows. The sail moves. The clapper taps the pipes. Ting, tong! A long pipe sounds deep. A short pipe sounds high.

With no wind, a chime is quiet.

Questions

1. What is a wind chime?

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2. What is the small weight in the middle called?

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3. What does the sail catch?

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4. How does a long pipe sound?

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5. Why is a chime quiet with no wind?

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6. How does a short pipe sound?

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Words to know

chime: a set of bells or pipes that ring with a clear sound

clapper: the part that swings and hits to make a bell sound

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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Wind Chimes Sing When the Breeze Blows

Triangle group

A wind chime is a set of hanging pipes or bells. It makes music with no player at all.

The pipes hang from strings. In the middle hangs a small weight, called a clapper. Under it is a flat piece, called a sail. The sail catches the wind.

When the wind blows, the sail moves. The clapper swings and taps the pipes. Ting, tong, ting! Each pipe has its own note. A long pipe makes a deep sound. A short pipe makes a high sound.

On a still day, the chime is quiet. It waits for the breeze.

Questions

1. What is a wind chime?

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2. What is the small weight in the middle called?

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3. What does the sail catch?

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4. What kind of sound does a long pipe make?

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5. Why does the chime make no sound on a still day?

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6. Why does a wind chime need no player?

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Words to know

chime: a set of bells or pipes that ring with a clear sound
clapper: the part that swings and hits to make a bell sound
note: one sound in music, high or low
breeze: a light, gentle wind

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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Wind Chimes Sing When the Breeze Blows

Square group

A wind chime is a set of hanging pipes or bells that makes music without any player at all.

The pipes hang from strings, and a small weight called a clapper dangles in the middle. Below the clapper there is a flat piece called a sail, which catches the wind.

Whenever the wind blows, the sail moves and swings the clapper, so it taps against the pipes. Ting, tong, ting! Every pipe has its own note: a long pipe makes a deep sound, while a short pipe makes a high one.

On a perfectly still day, the wind chime stays quiet and simply waits for the next breeze.

Questions

1. What is a wind chime made of?

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2. What is the small weight in the middle called?

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3. What does the flat sail catch?

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4. What sound does a long pipe make?

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5. Why is the chime silent on a still day?

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6. How can a wind chime play without a player?

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Words to know

chime: a set of bells or pipes that ring with a clear sound
clapper: the part that swings and hits to make a bell sound
note: one sound in music, high or low
breeze: a light, gentle wind

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?

For the teacher: Wind Chimes Sing When the Breeze Blows

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

Circle: Wind Chimes Sing When the Breeze Blows

Easier · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. Hanging pipes or bells that make music.
2. A clapper.
3. The wind.
4. Deep.
5. Nothing moves the clapper.
6. High.

Triangle: Wind Chimes Sing When the Breeze Blows

This passage · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. A set of hanging pipes or bells that makes music.
2. A clapper.
3. The wind.
4. A deep sound.
5. Without wind, the sail and clapper do not move.
6. The wind moves it and makes it play.

Square: Wind Chimes Sing When the Breeze Blows

Harder · 108 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

1. A set of hanging pipes or bells.
2. A clapper.
3. The wind.
4. A deep sound.
5. Without wind, the sail and clapper do not move.
6. The wind moves the sail and clapper and makes the music.