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A Bulletin Board for the Whole Block

Circle group

Outside the laundry room on Maple Court, there is a big cork board. It is the bulletin board. Neighbors share news there.

You might see a note about a lost glove. You might see a sign for a yard sale or a flyer for a free piano lesson. A note might say, "Need a ride to the market."

The board has rules. Each note needs a date and a name. Old notes come down. New notes do not cover old notes.

The board stays neat. Neighbors find what they need. A board like this helps neighbors become friends.

Questions

1. What is the big cork board called?

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2. Where is the board?

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3. What is one thing a note might be about?

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4. What does each note need?

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5. Why should new notes not cover old notes?

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Words to know

bulletin: a short notice that gives news
neighbors: people who live close to you
flyer: a single sheet of paper that tells about something
neat: clean and in good order

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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A Bulletin Board for the Whole Block

Triangle group

Outside the laundry room on Maple Court, there is a big cork board. People call it the bulletin board. It is where neighbors share news with each other.

You might see a note about a lost glove. You might see a sign for a yard sale or a flyer for a free piano lesson. A little paper might say, "Looking for a ride to the market."

There are a few rules for the board. Each note should have a date and a name. Old notes should be taken down. A new note should not cover up someone else's note.

Because everyone follows the rules, the board stays neat. Neighbors can find what they need. A board like this helps people who live close to each other become friends.

Questions

1. What is the big cork board called?

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2. Where is the board?

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3. What is one thing a note on the board might be about?

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4. What should each note have?

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5. Why should a new note not cover someone else's note?

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Words to know

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A Bulletin Board for the Whole Block

Square group

Just outside the laundry room on Maple Court hangs a large cork board, which everyone calls the bulletin board. It is the place where neighbors share their news with one another.

On it, you might find a note about a lost glove, a sign advertising a yard sale, or a flyer offering a free piano lesson. A small slip of paper might say, "Looking for a ride to the market."

There are a few rules for using the board. Every note should carry a date and a name, old notes should be taken down, and a new note should never cover up someone else's note.

Because everyone follows these rules, the board stays neat, and neighbors can easily find what they need. A board like this helps people who live close together to become friends.

Questions

1. What do people call the large cork board?

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2. Where does the board hang?

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3. What is one kind of note you might find on the board?

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4. What should every note carry?

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5. Why should a new note never cover up someone else's note?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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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: A Bulletin Board for the Whole Block

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

Circle: A Bulletin Board for the Whole Block

Easier · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. The bulletin board.
2. Outside the laundry room on Maple Court.
3. A lost glove, a yard sale, a piano lesson, or a ride.
4. A date and a name.
5. Then no one could read the old note.

Triangle: A Bulletin Board for the Whole Block

This passage · 128 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. The bulletin board.
2. Outside the laundry room on Maple Court.
3. A lost glove, a yard sale, a piano lesson, or a ride to the market.
4. A date and a name.
5. Then the other person's news could not be read.

Square: A Bulletin Board for the Whole Block

Harder · 135 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.9

1. The bulletin board.
2. Just outside the laundry room on Maple Court.
3. A lost glove, a yard sale, a piano lesson, or a ride to the market.
4. A date and a name.
5. Then people could not read the news on the other note.