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A Hook for Jo's Scarf

Circle group

Maya had a new stepsister named Jo. Jo was coming to live with them. Maya had to share her room.

She cleaned half of the closet. But the hooks were full of her coats.

Jo came in with a long red scarf. She looked at the closet. All the hooks were full.

"It's okay," said Jo quietly. She put the scarf on the bed.

Maya felt a knot in her tummy. She took her purple coat off a hook. She put it on the bed.

"This hook is for your scarf," said Maya.

Jo smiled. She hung the scarf. The tassels swung.

"Let's pick a hook for my hat," said Maya.

"Good plan," said Jo.

Questions

1. What did Jo bring?

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2. Why did Jo say it's okay and drop the scarf?

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3. What did Maya do with her purple coat?

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4. What did Maya say the hook was for?

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5. Why did Maya feel a knot in her tummy?

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Words to know

stepsister: a girl whose parent marries your parent
tassels: little bunches of thread that hang from something
closet: a small room or space for clothes

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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Triangle group

Maya had a new stepsister named Jo. Jo was coming to live with them. Maya had to share her room.

She cleaned half of the closet. But Maya's things were everywhere. Her coats took up all the hooks.

When Jo came in, she held a long red scarf with fuzzy tassels. She looked at the closet. All the hooks were full.

"It's okay," said Jo quietly. She dropped the scarf on the bed.

Maya felt a knot in her tummy. This was not very welcoming. She looked at her favorite purple coat. Then she took it off its hook. She put it on the bottom of the bed instead.

"This hook is for your scarf," Maya said.

Jo's face lit up. She hung the scarf. The tassels swung back and forth.

"It looks nice next to my coat," said Maya. "Maybe we can pick a hook for my hat."

Jo smiled. "That's a good plan."

Questions

1. What did Jo bring with her?

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2. Why did Jo say, "It's okay" and drop the scarf?

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3. What did Maya do with her purple coat?

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4. What did Maya say the free hook was for?

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5. Why did Maya feel a knot in her tummy?

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Words to know

stepsister: a girl whose parent marries your parent
tassels: little bunches of thread that hang from something
welcoming: kind and friendly to someone who is new
closet: a small room or space for clothes

Talk together (every group has these)

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A Hook for Jo's Scarf

Square group

Maya had a brand new stepsister named Jo, who was coming to live with the family. That meant Maya had to share her bedroom for the very first time.

She cleaned out half of the closet, but her belongings were still scattered everywhere. Her many coats took up every single hook.

When Jo arrived, she was holding a long red scarf with fuzzy tassels. She glanced at the closet and noticed that all of the hooks were occupied.

"It's okay," Jo said quietly, and she dropped the scarf onto the bed.

Maya felt a knot form in her tummy, because this was not a very welcoming start. She looked at her favorite purple coat. Then she lifted it off its hook and laid it on the bed instead.

"This hook is for your scarf," Maya announced.

Jo's face lit up. She hung the scarf carefully, and the tassels swung back and forth.

"It looks nice next to my coat," said Maya. "Maybe we can choose a hook for my hat, too."

Jo smiled. "That is a wonderful plan."

Questions

1. What did Jo carry into the bedroom?

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2. Why did Jo say it's okay and drop the scarf on the bed?

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3. What did Maya do with her favorite purple coat?

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4. What did Maya say the hook was for?

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5. Why did Maya feel a knot in her tummy?

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Words to know

stepsister: a girl whose parent marries your parent
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For the teacher: A Hook for Jo's Scarf

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

Circle: A Hook for Jo's Scarf

Easier · 115 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. A long red scarf.
2. All the hooks were full.
3. She took it off the hook.
4. Jo's scarf.
5. She felt bad that she had not made room for Jo.

Triangle: A Hook for Jo's Scarf

This passage · 155 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. A long red scarf with fuzzy tassels.
2. All the hooks were full, so there was no place for it.
3. She took it off the hook and put it on the bed.
4. Jo's scarf.
5. She felt bad because she had not made room for Jo.

Square: A Hook for Jo's Scarf

Harder · 178 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.4

1. A long red scarf with fuzzy tassels.
2. Every hook in the closet was already full.
3. She lifted it off its hook and laid it on the bed.
4. Jo's scarf.
5. She felt badly because she had not made enough room to welcome Jo.