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A Round Home That Packs Into a Cart

Circle group

In Mongolia, some families live in a round tent. It is called a ger. A ger has a wood frame. Felt wraps around it to keep the family warm. Felt is cloth made from sheep wool.

These families have sheep, goats, and horses. The animals eat grass. When the grass is gone, the family must find a new spot.

A ger is handy. It can be packed up. The family can carry it to a new place. They set it up in a day.

Inside, it is cozy. It has beds and a small stove.

Questions

1. What is a ger?

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2. What is felt made from?

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3. Why must the families move?

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4. What is inside a ger?

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5. Why is a tent a good home for these families?

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Words to know

frame: the strong parts that hold a building up
felt: a thick, soft cloth made from wool
handy: easy and useful to have

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

In the wide grasslands of Mongolia, some families live in a round tent called a ger. A ger has a wooden frame. Thick felt wraps around the frame to keep the family warm. Felt is a soft cloth made from the wool of sheep.

These families raise animals, such as sheep, goats, and horses. The animals eat grass. When the grass in one spot is gone, the family must find a new spot with fresh grass.

That is why a ger is so handy. It can be taken apart and packed up. The family can carry it to a new place and set it up again in a day.

Inside, the ger is cozy. It has beds, a small stove, and a bright door that is often painted.

Questions

1. What is a ger?

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2. What is felt made from?

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3. Why do the families need to move?

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4. What is inside a ger?

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5. Why is a tent a better home than a stone house for these families?

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Words to know

grasslands: wide lands covered with grass
frame: the strong parts that hold a building up
felt: a thick, soft cloth made from wool
handy: easy and useful to have

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 Round Home That Packs Into a Cart

Square group

In the vast grasslands of Mongolia, some families live in a round tent known as a ger. A ger is built around a wooden frame, and a thick layer of felt wraps around the frame to keep the family warm. Felt is a soft, heavy cloth that is made from the wool of sheep.

These families raise animals such as sheep, goats, and horses. Because the animals feed on grass, the family must search for a fresh pasture whenever the grass in one spot has been eaten.

That is what makes a ger so practical. It can be taken apart and packed up, and the family can carry it to a new place and set it up again within a single day.

On the inside, a ger is surprisingly cozy. It has beds, a small stove, and a door that is often painted in bright colors.

Questions

1. What is a ger?

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2. What is felt made from?

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3. Why must the families search for a new place to live?

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4. What furniture is found inside a ger?

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5. Why is a tent more practical than a stone house for these families?

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Words to know

grasslands: wide lands covered with grass
frame: the strong parts that hold a building up
felt: a thick, soft cloth made from wool

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: A Round Home That Packs Into a Cart

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

Circle: A Round Home That Packs Into a Cart

Easier · 95 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. A round tent that a family lives in.
2. Sheep wool.
3. The animals eat the grass, and then they need a new spot with grass.
4. Beds and a small stove.
5. It can be packed up and carried when they move.

Triangle: A Round Home That Packs Into a Cart

This passage · 128 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. A round tent that a family lives in.
2. The wool of sheep.
3. The animals eat all the grass in one spot, and then they need fresh grass.
4. Beds and a small stove.
5. It can be packed up and carried when the family moves.

Square: A Round Home That Packs Into a Cart

Harder · 146 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.1

1. A round tent that some families live in.
2. The wool of sheep.
3. The animals eat the grass in one spot, and then they need a fresh pasture.
4. Beds and a small stove.
5. It can be packed up and carried whenever the family moves.