Name: _____ Date: _____

The Book That Would Not Stop Giggling

Circle group

Mr. Orr was the librarian. He liked quiet. He liked it very much.

One Monday, a new book came. It was called Jokes for Penguins. Mr. Orr put it on the shelf. It began to giggle.

"Hee, hee, hee!" The sound filled the room.

"Shh!" said Mr. Orr. But the book giggled louder.

Kids ran to see. They opened the book, and it laughed more. Every page had silly jokes.

"What do penguins wear on their heads?" read a boy. "Ice caps!"

Mr. Orr tried not to smile. Then he snorted. Then he laughed so hard his glasses fell off.

After that, the library had a giggle shelf. It was the one place where noise was fine.

Questions

1. What was the new book called?

_____

_____

2. What did Mr. Orr like very much?

_____

_____

3. What did the book do on the shelf?

_____

_____

4. What happened to Mr. Orr's glasses?

_____

_____

5. Why did Mr. Orr try not to smile at first?

_____

_____

Words to know

librarian: a person who works in a library
giggle: to laugh in a quick, silly way
snorted: made a sound through the nose while laughing
shelf: a board that holds books

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?

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Book That Would Not Stop Giggling

Triangle group

Mr. Orr was the librarian. He liked quiet. He liked it very, very much.

One Monday, a new book arrived. It was called Jokes for Penguins. When Mr. Orr set it on the shelf, it started to giggle.

"Hee, hee, hee!" The sound bounced off the walls.

"Shh!" said Mr. Orr. But the book only giggled louder.

Kids ran over to see. They opened the book, and it laughed even harder. Page after page was full of silly jokes.

"What do penguins wear on their heads?" read a boy. "Ice caps!"

Mr. Orr tried not to smile. Then he snorted. Then he laughed so hard that his glasses fell off.

After that, the library kept a special giggle shelf. It was the one place where noise was allowed.

Questions

1. What was the new book called?

_____

_____

2. What did Mr. Orr like very much?

_____

_____

3. What did the book do when Mr. Orr set it on the shelf?

_____

_____

4. What happened to Mr. Orr's glasses?

_____

_____

5. Why did Mr. Orr try not to smile at first?

_____

Words to know

librarian: a person who works in a library
giggle: to laugh in a quick, silly way
snorted: made a sound through the nose while laughing
shelf: a board that holds books

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?

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Book That Would Not Stop Giggling

Square group

Mr. Orr was the town librarian, and he loved peace and quiet more than anything else in the world.

One Monday, a brand new book arrived at the library. It was called Jokes for Penguins. The moment Mr. Orr placed it on the shelf, the book started to giggle.

"Hee, hee, hee!" The sound echoed off every wall.

"Shh!" said Mr. Orr sternly. But the book only giggled louder.

Curious children hurried over to look. When they opened the book, it laughed even harder, because every page was packed with silly jokes.

"What do penguins wear on their heads?" read a boy. "Ice caps!"

Mr. Orr tried hard not to smile. Then he snorted. Then he laughed so hard that his glasses tumbled right off his nose.

From then on, the library kept a special giggle shelf. It was the one spot where noise was welcome.

Questions

1. What was the brand new book called?

_____

_____

2. What did Mr. Orr love more than anything else?

_____

_____

3. What did the book do when Mr. Orr placed it on the shelf?

_____

_____

4. What happened to Mr. Orr's glasses when he laughed?

_____

_____

5. Why did Mr. Orr try hard not to smile at first?

_____

_____

Words to know

librarian: a person who works in a library
giggle: to laugh in a quick, silly way
snorted: made a sound through the nose while laughing
shelf: a board that holds books

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: The Book That Would Not Stop Giggling

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

Circle: The Book That Would Not Stop Giggling

Easier · 117 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. Jokes for Penguins.
2. Quiet.
3. It began to giggle.
4. They fell off when he laughed.
5. He wanted the library to stay quiet.

Triangle: The Book That Would Not Stop Giggling

This passage · 128 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. Jokes for Penguins.
2. Quiet.
3. It started to giggle.
4. They fell off when he laughed so hard.
5. He wanted the library to stay quiet.

Square: The Book That Would Not Stop Giggling

Harder · 146 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.9

1. Jokes for Penguins.
2. Peace and quiet.
3. It started to giggle.
4. They tumbled right off his nose.
5. He wanted the library to stay quiet and peaceful.