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Captain Fig Sails the Soup Pot

Circle group

Captain Fig was as tall as a salt shaker. But she had a big ship. Her ship was a soup pot.

"All hands on deck!" she said to her two beetles.

The pot bobbed on a sea of warm tomato soup. Noodles floated by like long yellow snakes. A cracker floated by like a raft.

"Land ahead!" said a beetle. It was only a big meatball.

"Go left," said Captain Fig. They sailed around a carrot island.

Then a giant spoon came down. Splash! A wave hit the pot.

"Hold on!" said Captain Fig. The spoon lifted the pot out.

"Time for lunch," said a giant voice. The crew ran away, and the soup was still warm.

Questions

1. How tall was Captain Fig?

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2. What was Captain Fig's ship?

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3. Who was in her crew?

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4. What did the beetle think was land?

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5. Who made the wave and lifted the pot?

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Words to know

captain: the leader of a ship
crew: the group of people who work on a ship
bobbed: moved up and down on water
raft: a flat boat made of logs or boards

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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Captain Fig Sails the Soup Pot

Triangle group

Captain Fig was only as tall as a salt shaker. But she had a very big ship. Her ship was a soup pot.

"All hands on deck!" she shouted to her crew of two beetles.

The soup pot bobbed on a sea of warm tomato soup. Noodles floated by like long yellow snakes. A cracker drifted past like a raft.

"Land ahead!" cried a beetle. It was only a big meatball.

"Steer left," said Captain Fig. They sailed around a carrot island.

Then a giant spoon came down. Splash! A wave rolled over the pot.

"Hold on!" said Captain Fig. The pot spun, and the spoon lifted it out.

"Time for lunch," said a giant voice. The captain and her crew ran away in time, and the soup was still warm.

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1. How tall was Captain Fig?

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Captain Fig Sails the Soup Pot

Square group

Captain Fig was only as tall as a salt shaker, but she commanded a very large ship. Her ship was a soup pot.

"All hands on deck!" she shouted to her loyal crew of two beetles.

The soup pot bobbed steadily across a sea of warm tomato soup. Noodles drifted past like long yellow snakes, and a soggy cracker floated by like a raft.

"Land ahead!" cried one of the beetles. It turned out to be nothing more than a big meatball.

"Steer to the left," ordered Captain Fig, and they sailed carefully around a carrot island.

Suddenly, a giant spoon plunged down. Splash! A huge wave rolled over the pot.

"Hold on tight!" said Captain Fig. The pot spun, and the spoon lifted it out of the soup.

"Time for lunch," boomed a giant voice. The captain and her crew scurried away just in time, and the soup was still warm.

Questions

1. How tall was Captain Fig?

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2. What was Captain Fig's very large ship?

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3. Who made up her loyal crew?

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4. What did the beetle believe was land?

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5. Who plunged the spoon down and lifted the pot out?

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For the teacher: Captain Fig Sails the Soup Pot

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

Circle: Captain Fig Sails the Soup Pot

Easier · 117 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. As tall as a salt shaker.
2. A soup pot.
3. Two beetles.
4. A big meatball.
5. A person with a spoon, ready for lunch.

Triangle: Captain Fig Sails the Soup Pot

This passage · 131 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. As tall as a salt shaker.
2. A soup pot.
3. Two beetles.
4. A big meatball.
5. A person using a spoon to get ready for lunch.

Square: Captain Fig Sails the Soup Pot

Harder · 152 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. Only as tall as a salt shaker.
2. A soup pot.
3. Two beetles.
4. A big meatball.
5. A person getting ready to eat lunch.