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The Day the Bakery Swapped Its Signs

Circle group

Mrs. Pike had a bakery. Her cousin had the shoe shop next door. One windy day, wind blew down both signs.

Mrs. Pike put them back up fast. She did not look. Now the bakery sign was on the shoe shop. The shoe sign was on the bakery.

A man went into the shoe shop. "A loaf of bread, please," he said.

The cousin held up a boot. "Will this do?"

A girl went into the bakery. "I need new sneakers," she said.

Mrs. Pike gave her a muffin. "Will this fit?"

Everybody laughed. They put the signs back right. Both shops had a good day.

Questions

1. What blew down the signs?

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2. Who had the shoe shop?

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3. What did the man ask for at the shoe shop?

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4. What did Mrs. Pike give the girl?

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5. Why did people ask for the wrong things?

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Words to know

bakery: a shop that sells bread and treats

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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The Day the Bakery Swapped Its Signs

Triangle group

Mrs. Pike ran a bakery. Her cousin ran the shoe shop next door. One windy morning, a big gust blew down both signs. They landed in a heap.

Mrs. Pike put them back up in a hurry. She did not look closely. Now the bakery sign hung on the shoe shop, and the shoe sign hung on the bakery.

Soon a man walked into the shoe shop. "One loaf of bread, please," he said.

The cousin held up a boot. "Will this do?"

Next, a girl came into the bakery. "I need new sneakers," she said.

Mrs. Pike handed her a muffin. "Will this fit?"

Everybody laughed. Then they swapped the signs back, and both shops had a very good day.

Questions

1. What blew down the two signs?

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2. Who ran the shoe shop?

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3. What did the man ask for in the shoe shop?

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4. What did Mrs. Pike hand to the girl?

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5. Why did customers ask for the wrong things?

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Words to know

bakery: a shop that sells bread and treats
gust: a quick, strong blow of wind
heap: a messy pile
swapped: traded places with something else

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The Day the Bakery Swapped Its Signs

Square group

Mrs. Pike owned a bakery, and her cousin owned the shoe shop right next door. One breezy morning, a powerful gust of wind knocked down both signs, and they landed in a messy heap on the sidewalk.

Mrs. Pike hung them back up in a great hurry. She did not look closely at which was which. Now the bakery sign dangled over the shoe shop, and the shoe sign dangled over the bakery.

Before long, a man strolled into the shoe shop. "One fresh loaf of bread, please," he said.

The cousin held up a leather boot. "Will this do instead?"

Soon after, a girl walked into the bakery. "I need a new pair of sneakers," she said.

Mrs. Pike handed her a warm muffin. "Will this fit you?"

Everybody burst out laughing. Then they swapped the signs back where they belonged, and both shops had a very busy, happy day.

Questions

1. What knocked down the two signs on the sidewalk?

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2. Who owned the shoe shop next door?

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3. What did the man ask for when he went into the shoe shop?

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4. What did Mrs. Pike hand to the girl in the bakery?

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5. Why did the customers ask for the wrong things?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: The Day the Bakery Swapped Its Signs

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

Circle: The Day the Bakery Swapped Its Signs

Easier · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. The wind.
2. Mrs. Pike's cousin.
3. A loaf of bread.
4. A muffin.
5. The signs were on the wrong shops.

Triangle: The Day the Bakery Swapped Its Signs

This passage · 121 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. A big gust of wind.
2. Mrs. Pike's cousin.
3. A loaf of bread.
4. A muffin.
5. The signs were on the wrong shops, so they went where the signs sent them.

Square: The Day the Bakery Swapped Its Signs

Harder · 151 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. A powerful gust of wind.
2. Mrs. Pike's cousin.
3. One fresh loaf of bread.
4. A warm muffin.
5. The signs hung on the wrong shops, so they went by what the signs said.