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Ezra and the Wrong Door Parade

Circle group

It was Ezra's turn to be line leader. He had waited all week. He stood at the front.

"We go to the music room," said Ms. Park. "Follow Ezra."

Ezra marched down the hall. He turned left and opened a door. Inside were mops, buckets, and a surprised janitor.

"Oh!" said Ezra. His face turned red. Some kids snickered.

Ms. Park smiled. "That is the supply closet," she said. "The music room is next door. Many leaders take a wrong turn."

Ezra shut the door. He led the line to the next door. This time he read the sign first.

Questions

1. Whose turn was it to be line leader?

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2. Where did the class need to go?

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3. What was behind the wrong door?

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4. What did Ezra do the second time?

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5. Why did Ms. Park say many leaders take a wrong turn?

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Words to know

leader: the person who goes first and shows others the way
marched: walked in a steady beat, like in a parade
janitor: a person who keeps a building clean
snickered: laughed quietly in a way that was not very kind

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

It was Ezra's turn to be line leader. He had waited all week. He stood at the front with his head held high.

"We are going to the music room," said Ms. Park. "Follow Ezra."

Ezra marched down the hall. The class marched behind him. He turned left and pushed open a door. Inside were mops, buckets, and a very surprised janitor.

"Oh!" said Ezra. His face turned red. A few kids snickered.

Ms. Park smiled. "That is the supply closet," she said. "The music room is next door, Ezra. Many leaders take a wrong turn."

Ezra took a breath. He closed the closet door and led the line one door down. This time he read the sign first. The class marched in, and Ezra felt a little braver.

Questions

1. Whose turn was it to be line leader?

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2. Where was the class supposed to go?

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3. What did Ezra find behind the wrong door?

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4. What did Ezra do the second time before opening a door?

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5. Why did Ms. Park say many leaders take a wrong turn?

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Square group

At long last, it was Ezra's turn to be the line leader. He had been waiting for this moment all week, and he stood at the front of the line with his head held high.

"We are heading to the music room," announced Ms. Park. "Please follow Ezra."

Ezra marched proudly down the hall, and the whole class marched behind him. He turned left and pushed open a door. Inside were mops, buckets, and a very surprised janitor.

"Oh!" gasped Ezra. His face turned bright red, and a few kids snickered.

Ms. Park smiled kindly. "That is the supply closet," she said. "The music room is right next door, Ezra. Many fine leaders take a wrong turn."

Ezra took a deep breath. He closed the closet door and led the line one door farther down the hall. This time he read the sign first, and as the class marched in, he felt a little braver than before.

Questions

1. Whose turn was it to be the line leader?

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2. Where was the class supposed to go?

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3. What did Ezra find behind the wrong door?

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4. What did Ezra do before opening the door the second time?

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5. Why did Ms. Park say that many fine leaders take a wrong turn?

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Words to know

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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: Ezra and the Wrong Door Parade

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

Circle: Ezra and the Wrong Door Parade

Easier · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. Ezra's.
2. To the music room.
3. Mops, buckets, and a janitor.
4. He read the sign first.
5. So Ezra would know that everyone makes mistakes.

Triangle: Ezra and the Wrong Door Parade

This passage · 129 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. Ezra's.
2. To the music room.
3. Mops, buckets, and a surprised janitor.
4. He read the sign first.
5. She wanted Ezra to know that mistakes happen to everyone, so he would not feel bad.

Square: Ezra and the Wrong Door Parade

Harder · 157 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.7

1. Ezra's.
2. To the music room.
3. Mops, buckets, and a very surprised janitor.
4. He read the sign first.
5. She wanted Ezra to understand that everyone makes mistakes, so he would not feel embarrassed.