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Grandpa's Glasses in the Hen House

Circle group

Grandpa could not find his glasses. "I had them at breakfast," he said. Theo and Lila said they would help.

First, they looked on the kitchen table. Next, they looked on the porch chair. No glasses.

"Let us think," said Lila. "Where did Grandpa go after breakfast?"

"To feed the hens," said Theo.

The two ran to the hen house. A brown hen sat on her nest. Something shiny stuck out from her wing. It was Grandpa's glasses!

Theo lifted the hen with care. The glasses were warm. They were not broken. Grandpa had put them down to toss the corn.

"Thank you," said Grandpa. He put on his glasses and smiled. The hen clucked.

Questions

1. What did Grandpa lose?

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2. Where did Grandpa go after breakfast?

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3. What stuck out from the hen's wing?

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4. How did Lila know where to look?

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5. How do we know the glasses were all right?

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Words to know

nest: a bed that a bird makes for its eggs

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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Grandpa's Glasses in the Hen House

Triangle group

Grandpa could not find his glasses. "I had them at breakfast," he said. Theo and his sister Lila said they would help.

First, they checked the kitchen table. Next, they checked the porch chair. Still no glasses.

"Let us think," said Lila. "Where did Grandpa go after breakfast?"

"To feed the hens," said Theo.

The two children ran to the hen house. Inside, a brown hen sat on her nest. Something shiny stuck out from under her wing. It was one arm of Grandpa's glasses!

Theo lifted the hen very gently. The glasses were warm but not broken. Grandpa had set them down while he scattered the corn.

"Thank you," said Grandpa. He put on his glasses and smiled. "Now I can see who the real thief was." The hen clucked as if she did not mind.

Questions

1. What did Grandpa lose?

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2. Where did Grandpa go after breakfast?

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3. What did Theo and Lila see sticking out from the hen's wing?

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4. How did Lila know where to look?

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5. How do we know the glasses were not hurt?

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Words to know

nest: a bed that a bird makes for its eggs
scattered: threw things here and there
gently: in a soft and careful way
thief: a person or animal that takes things

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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Grandpa's Glasses in the Hen House

Square group

Grandpa could not find his glasses anywhere. "I am certain I had them at breakfast," he said. Theo and his sister Lila promised to help him search.

First, they checked the kitchen table. Next, they checked the chair on the porch. There was still no sign of the glasses.

"Let us think this through," said Lila. "Where did Grandpa go right after breakfast?"

"He went out to feed the hens," said Theo.

The two children hurried to the hen house. Inside, a brown hen sat comfortably on her nest. Something shiny was poking out from under her wing. It was one arm of Grandpa's glasses!

Theo lifted the hen very gently. The glasses were warm but not broken. Grandpa had set them down while he scattered the corn.

"Thank you both," said Grandpa. He put on his glasses and smiled. "Now I can see who the real thief was." The hen clucked as though she did not mind at all.

Questions

1. What had Grandpa lost?

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2. Where did Grandpa go right after breakfast?

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3. What was poking out from under the hen's wing?

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4. How did Lila figure out where to look?

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5. How can you tell that the glasses were not damaged?

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Words to know

nest: a bed that a bird makes for its eggs
scattered: threw things here and there
gently: in a soft and careful way
thief: a person or animal that takes things

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: Grandpa's Glasses in the Hen House

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

Circle: Grandpa's Glasses in the Hen House

Easier · 115 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. His glasses.
2. To feed the hens.
3. One arm of the glasses.
4. She asked where Grandpa went after breakfast and thought about it.
5. They were warm and not broken.

Triangle: Grandpa's Glasses in the Hen House

This passage · 137 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. His glasses.
2. To feed the hens.
3. One arm of the glasses.
4. She asked where Grandpa went after breakfast and thought about it.
5. They were warm but not broken.

Square: Grandpa's Glasses in the Hen House

Harder · 160 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.4

1. His glasses.
2. Out to feed the hens.
3. One arm of the glasses.
4. She asked where Grandpa went after breakfast and thought it through.
5. They were warm but not broken.