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# Keep the Fire Hydrant Clear

Circle group

Look for a short metal post by the street. It is often red or yellow. It is a fire hydrant.

A hydrant is a place to get water. Pipes under the street bring the water. When there is a fire, firefighters hook a big hose to the hydrant. They get lots of water fast.

So there is a rule. Cars may not park by a hydrant. A car could block the way. The firefighters would lose time.

Snow can block a hydrant, too. Some neighbors shovel around it. This small job can help save a house.

## Questions

**1. What is a short metal post by the street called?**

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**2. What do firefighters hook to the hydrant?**

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**3. What is the rule about cars?**

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**4. What else can block a hydrant?**

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**5. Why would a neighbor shovel around a hydrant?**

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## Words to know

hydrant: a post on the street where firefighters get water
hose: a long, bendy tube that water flows through
block: to stand in the way so nothing can pass

shovel: to dig and lift snow with a tool

## 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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# Keep the Fire Hydrant Clear

Triangle group

Have you seen a short metal post on the side of the street? It is often red or yellow. It is called a fire hydrant.

A fire hydrant is a place to get water. Pipes under the street bring water to it. When a fire starts, the firefighters hook a big hose to the hydrant. Then they can get lots of water fast.

That is why there is a rule about hydrants. Cars may not park next to them. A parked car could block the way. The firefighters would lose time moving it, or they might need to break a window.

Snow can block a hydrant, too. In some towns, neighbors shovel around the hydrant on their street. It is a small job that can help save a house.

## Questions

**1. What is a short metal post on the street, often red or yellow, called?**

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**2. What do firefighters hook to the hydrant?**

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**3. What is the rule about cars and hydrants?**

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**4. What can block a hydrant besides a car?**

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**5. Why would a neighbor shovel around a hydrant?**

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## Words to know

hydrant: a post on the street where firefighters get water
hose: a long, bendy tube that water flows through
block: to stand in the way so nothing can pass
shovel: to dig and lift snow with a tool

## 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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# Keep the Fire Hydrant Clear

Square group

Have you ever noticed the short metal post that stands beside many streets? It is often painted red or yellow, and it is known as a fire hydrant.

A fire hydrant is a place where water can be drawn. Pipes buried under the street carry water to it. When a fire breaks out, the firefighters attach a large hose to the hydrant, which gives them plenty of water very quickly.

That is the reason for a rule about hydrants. Cars are not allowed to park next to them, because a parked car could block the way. The firefighters would lose precious time moving it, or they might even need to break a window.

Snow can block a hydrant as well. In some towns, neighbors shovel around the hydrant on their street. It is a small job that can help to save a house.

## Questions

**1. What is the short metal post beside the street called?**

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**2. What do firefighters attach to the hydrant?**

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**3. What is the rule about cars and hydrants?**

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**4. What can block a hydrant besides a parked car?**

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**5. Why would a neighbor shovel around a hydrant?**

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## Words to know

hydrant: a post on the street where firefighters get water
hose: a long, bendy tube that water flows through
block: to stand in the way so nothing can pass
shovel: to dig and lift snow with a tool

## 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: Keep the Fire Hydrant Clear

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

### Circle: Keep the Fire Hydrant Clear

Easier · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. A fire hydrant.
2. A big hose.
3. Cars may not park by a hydrant.
4. Snow.
5. So the firefighters can get water fast.

### Triangle: Keep the Fire Hydrant Clear

This passage · 129 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. A fire hydrant.
2. A big hose.
3. Cars may not park next to them.
4. Snow.
5. It keeps the hydrant clear so the firefighters can get water fast.

### Square: Keep the Fire Hydrant Clear

Harder · 143 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. A fire hydrant.
2. A large hose.
3. Cars are not allowed to park next to them.
4. Snow.
5. It keeps the hydrant clear so the firefighters can get water quickly.