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Marcus Juggles Three Silk Scarves

Circle group

Marcus wanted to juggle. His uncle gave him three silk scarves. "Start with scarves," said Uncle Ray. "They fall slowly."

Marcus tossed one scarf and caught it. He tossed two. One fell on the floor. He tried again and again. A scarf landed on the rug. One landed on the chair. One landed on the cat.

On day five, Marcus tossed all three. Red went up. Blue went up. Green went up. He caught them all!

"I did it!" he said. Uncle Ray clapped. Marcus took a bow. The scarves fell. He laughed and tried again.

Questions

1. What did Uncle Ray give Marcus?

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2. How do scarves fall?

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3. On which day did Marcus toss all three?

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4. Where did one scarf land that was funny?

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5. Why did Marcus try again and again?

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Words to know

juggle: to toss things in the air and catch them again and again
silk: a soft, smooth cloth that is very light
bow: to bend your body forward to show thanks
tossed: threw something gently through the air

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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Marcus Juggles Three Silk Scarves

Triangle group

Marcus wanted to learn how to juggle. His uncle gave him three silk scarves. "Start with scarves," said Uncle Ray. "They fall slowly, so you have time to catch them."

Marcus tossed one scarf up and caught it. Then he tossed two. One floated down to the floor. He tried again and again. The scarves landed on the rug. They landed on the chair. Once, a scarf landed on the cat.

On the fifth day, Marcus tossed all three. Up went the red one. Up went the blue one. Up went the green one. He caught them, one, two, three!

"I did it!" he shouted. Uncle Ray clapped. Marcus took a big bow, and the scarves slipped out of his hand. He laughed and picked them up to try once more.

Questions

1. What did Uncle Ray give Marcus?

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2. Why did Uncle Ray say to start with scarves?

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3. On which day did Marcus toss all three scarves?

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4. Where did one scarf land that was funny?

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5. Why did Marcus keep trying after the scarves fell?

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Marcus Juggles Three Silk Scarves

Square group

Marcus had always wanted to learn how to juggle. For his birthday, his uncle gave him three silk scarves. "Begin with scarves," Uncle Ray advised. "They drift down slowly, so you have plenty of time to catch them."

Marcus tossed a single scarf high and caught it. Then he tried two at once, and one of them floated to the floor. He kept trying, over and over. The scarves landed on the rug, on the chair, and, one time, right on top of the sleepy cat.

On the fifth day, Marcus finally tossed all three together. The red one went up, then the blue one, then the green one. He caught them, one, two, three!

"I did it!" he shouted with joy. Uncle Ray clapped loudly. Marcus took a very big bow, and the scarves slipped out of his hand. He laughed and picked them up to try once more.

Questions

1. What did Uncle Ray give Marcus for his birthday?

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2. Why did Uncle Ray say to begin with scarves?

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3. On which day did Marcus toss all three scarves together?

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4. Where did one scarf land that was funny?

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5. Why did Marcus keep trying after the scarves fell?

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For the teacher: Marcus Juggles Three Silk Scarves

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

Circle: Marcus Juggles Three Silk Scarves

Easier · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. Three silk scarves.
2. Slowly.
3. On day five.
4. On the cat.
5. He wanted to learn to juggle.

Triangle: Marcus Juggles Three Silk Scarves

This passage · 131 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. Three silk scarves.
2. Scarves fall slowly, so Marcus has time to catch them.
3. On the fifth day.
4. On the cat.
5. He wanted to learn to juggle, and he kept practicing until he could do it.

Square: Marcus Juggles Three Silk Scarves

Harder · 150 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.3

1. Three silk scarves.
2. Scarves drift down slowly, so Marcus has plenty of time to catch them.
3. On the fifth day.
4. Right on top of the sleepy cat.
5. He really wanted to learn to juggle, and he knew practice would help him get better.