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The Mayor Who Hired a Rain Cloud

Circle group

Dry Creek had no rain all summer. The grass was brown. The flowers were sad.

Mayor Bell had a plan. She put a sign on a hill. It said, "Wanted: one rain cloud. Free lunch."

That night, a small gray cloud came down. "I will take the job," it said.

The next day, the cloud went where the mayor went. It rained on her hat. It rained on her shoes. It rained on her sandwich!

"Rain on the flowers, not me," said the mayor, laughing.

So she walked a big loop around town. The cloud went too. Rain fell on every garden. The flowers stood up tall, and the mayor had a dry sandwich at last.

Questions

1. What did the sign on the hill want?

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2. What did the cloud do each day?

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3. What did the cloud rain on besides her hat and shoes?

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4. How did the mayor get rain on the gardens?

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5. Why did the mayor walk around town?

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Words to know

mayor: the leader of a town
garden: a place where people grow flowers or food
loop: a path that goes around in a circle

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 Mayor Who Hired a Rain Cloud

Triangle group

The town of Dry Creek had no rain for a whole summer. The grass was brown. The flowers hung their heads.

Mayor Bell had a plan. She put a sign on a tall hill. It said, "Wanted: one rain cloud. Free lunch."

That night, a small gray cloud floated down. "I will take the job," it said in a soft rumble.

The next day, the cloud followed Mayor Bell everywhere. It rained on her hat. It rained on her shoes. It even rained on her sandwich!

"You must water the flowers, not me," said the mayor, laughing.

So she walked a big loop around the town. The cloud followed her, and the rain fell on every garden. By dinner, the flowers stood up tall again, and the mayor had a dry sandwich at last.

Questions

1. What did the sign on the hill say the town wanted?

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2. What did the cloud follow Mayor Bell to do?

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3. What did the cloud rain on besides her hat and shoes?

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4. How did the mayor get the rain to fall on the gardens?

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5. Why did the mayor walk around the whole town?

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Words to know

mayor: the leader of a town
rumble: a low, deep sound like far away thunder
garden: a place where people grow flowers or food
loop: a path that goes around in a circle

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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The Mayor Who Hired a Rain Cloud

Square group

The town of Dry Creek had not seen a single drop of rain for an entire summer. The grass had turned brown, and the flowers drooped sadly in their beds.

Mayor Bell came up with a clever plan. She nailed a sign to a tall hill that read, "Wanted: one rain cloud. Free lunch included."

That very night, a small gray cloud drifted down from the sky. "I would be glad to take the job," it said in a soft, grumbly rumble.

The next day, the cloud followed Mayor Bell wherever she went. It drizzled on her hat and splashed her shoes. It even soaked her sandwich!

"You are supposed to water the flowers, not me," said the mayor, laughing.

So she marched in a big loop around the whole town, and the cloud trailed along behind her. Rain fell on every garden. By dinner, the flowers stood tall once again, and the mayor finally ate a dry sandwich.

Questions

1. What did the sign on the tall hill say the town wanted?

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2. What did the cloud do after it followed Mayor Bell everywhere?

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3. What did the cloud soak besides her hat and shoes?

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4. How did the mayor make the rain reach every garden?

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5. Why did the mayor walk a loop around the whole town?

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Words to know

mayor: the leader of a town
rumble: a low, deep sound like far away thunder
garden: a place where people grow flowers or food
loop: a path that goes around in a circle

Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: The Mayor Who Hired a Rain Cloud

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

Circle: The Mayor Who Hired a Rain Cloud

Easier · 116 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. One rain cloud.
2. It followed the mayor and rained on her.
3. Her sandwich.
4. She walked a big loop around town and the cloud followed.
5. The cloud followed her, so she led it to the gardens.

Triangle: The Mayor Who Hired a Rain Cloud

This passage · 134 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. One rain cloud.
2. It followed her everywhere and rained on her.
3. Her sandwich.
4. She walked a big loop around the town with the cloud behind her.
5. The cloud followed her, so she led it to every garden.

Square: The Mayor Who Hired a Rain Cloud

Harder · 159 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. One rain cloud, with free lunch included.
2. It rained on her.
3. Her sandwich.
4. She marched in a big loop around the town with the cloud trailing behind her.
5. The cloud followed wherever she went, so she led it to every garden.