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Mina's Kite on the Barn Roof

Circle group

A big wind grabbed Mina's red kite. It flew over the fence and landed on the old barn roof. The string hung down the side.

"Oh no!" said Mina. The roof was too high. Her ladder was too short.

Her friend Jun looked at the string. "We can pull it," he said. They tugged very gently. The kite slid a bit and then stopped at the edge.

"Wait," said Mina. "The string is stuck on a nail."

Jun found a long rake in the barn. Mina stood on a bucket and held it up. She pushed the string free with the rake. The kite slid down into her arms.

"We make a good team," said Jun.

Mina nodded. Next time, she would hold the string tight.

Questions

1. Where did Mina's kite land?

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2. Why could Mina not reach the kite with her ladder?

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3. Why did the kite stop at the edge?

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4. What did Mina use to free the string?

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5. What does Jun mean by a good team?

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Words to know

tugged: pulled hard

barn: a big farm building for animals or hay

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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Mina's Kite on the Barn Roof

Triangle group

A big gust of wind grabbed Mina's red kite. It flew over the fence and landed on the roof of the old barn. The string hung down the side like a long tail.

"Oh no!" said Mina. The roof was too high to reach. Her ladder was too short.

Her friend Jun looked at the string. "Maybe we can pull it," he said. They tugged very gently. The kite slid a little but stopped at the edge.

"Wait," said Mina. "The string is caught on a nail."

Jun found a long garden rake in the barn. Mina stood on a bucket and held it up. With the end of the rake, she nudged the string free. The kite slid down and floated into her arms.

"We make a good team," said Jun.

Mina nodded. Next time, she would hold the string tighter.

Questions

1. Where did Mina's kite land?

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2. Why could Mina not reach the kite with her ladder?

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3. Why did the kite stop sliding at the edge?

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4. What did Mina use to free the string?

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5. What does Mina mean when she says they are a good team?

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Words to know

gust: a sudden, strong blow of wind
tugged: pulled hard
nudged: gave a small push
barn: a big farm building for animals or hay

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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Mina's Kite on the Barn Roof

Square group

A sudden gust of wind snatched Mina's red kite right out of her hands. It sailed over the fence and landed on the roof of the old barn, with its string dangling down the side like a long tail.

"Oh no!" cried Mina. The roof was far too high to reach, and her ladder was much too short.

Her friend Jun studied the string. "Maybe we can pull it down," he suggested. They tugged very gently. The kite slid a little but stopped at the edge of the roof.

"Wait," said Mina. "The string is caught on a nail."

Jun found a long garden rake inside the barn. Mina climbed onto a bucket and reached up with it. With the tip of the rake, she carefully nudged the string free. The kite slid down and floated into her arms.

"We make a great team," said Jun.

Mina nodded in agreement. Next time, she decided, she would hold the string much tighter.

Questions

1. Where did Mina's kite land?

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2. Why was Mina unable to reach the kite with her ladder?

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3. Why did the kite stop sliding at the edge of the roof?

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4. What did Mina use to free the string?

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5. What does Jun mean when he says they make a great team?

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Words to know

gust: a sudden, strong blow of wind
tugged: pulled hard
nudged: gave a small push
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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: Mina's Kite on the Barn Roof

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

Circle: Mina's Kite on the Barn Roof

Easier · 126 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. On the roof of the old barn.
2. The ladder was too short.
3. The string was stuck on a nail.
4. A long rake.
5. They worked together and each one helped solve the problem.

Triangle: Mina's Kite on the Barn Roof

This passage · 142 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. On the roof of the old barn.
2. The ladder was too short.
3. The string was caught on a nail.
4. A long garden rake.
5. They worked together and each one helped solve the problem.

Square: Mina's Kite on the Barn Roof

Harder · 161 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. On the roof of the old barn.
2. The ladder was too short.
3. The string was caught on a nail.
4. A long garden rake.
5. They worked together and each one helped solve the problem.