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Mina's Pocket Watch Saved Extra Seconds

Circle group

Mina's grandmother gave her a silver pocket watch. "It saves extra seconds," she said. "Use them well."

Each night, the watch ticked in Mina's pocket. Each tick was a spare second. The seconds piled up like pennies.

One day, Mina carried a pie to a picnic. Her toe hit a root. The pie flew up!

Mina turned the little crown on the watch. The world went slow. The pie hung in the air like a moon. Mina held out her plate and caught it.

Then the seconds ran out. Time sped up again.

At the picnic, no one knew about the watch. They ate the pie. It was good. Mina saved the rest of her seconds.

Questions

1. What did Mina's grandmother give her?

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2. What did the watch save?

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3. Why did Mina drop the pie?

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4. What happened when Mina turned the crown?

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5. Why did Mina save the rest of her seconds?

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Words to know

spare: extra and kept for later

crown: the little knob on a watch that you turn

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 Pocket Watch Saved Extra Seconds

Triangle group

Mina's grandmother gave her a silver pocket watch. "It saves extra seconds," she said. "Use them well."

Every night, the watch ticked in Mina's pocket. Each tick was a spare second, and they piled up inside the watch like pennies.

One day, Mina was carrying a pie to a picnic. Her toe caught on a root. The pie flew into the air!

Mina turned the little silver crown on the watch. The whole world went slow. The pie hung in the air like a floating moon. Mina stepped over, held out her plate, and caught it softly.

Then the seconds ran out, and time zoomed on again.

At the picnic, no one knew about the watch. They just ate the pie. It was delicious, and Mina saved the rest of her seconds for another day.

Questions

1. What did Mina's grandmother give her?

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2. What was the watch saving?

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3. What made Mina drop the pie?

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4. What happened when Mina turned the crown?

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5. Why did Mina save the rest of her seconds?

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Words to know

spare: extra and kept for later
crown: the little knob on a watch that you turn
zoomed: moved very fast
delicious: tasting very good

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 Pocket Watch Saved Extra Seconds

Square group

Mina's grandmother presented her with a silver pocket watch. "It collects extra seconds," she explained. "Spend them wisely."

Every night, the watch ticked softly in Mina's pocket. Each tick was a spare second, and the seconds piled up inside the watch like pennies in a jar.

One afternoon, Mina was carrying a pie to a picnic when her toe caught on a root. The pie flew high into the air!

Mina quickly turned the little silver crown. The whole world slowed down, and the pie hung in the air like a floating moon. Mina stepped forward, held out her plate, and caught it softly.

Then the seconds ran out, and time rushed on again.

At the picnic, nobody guessed what had happened. They simply enjoyed the delicious pie, and Mina saved the rest of her seconds for another day.

Questions

1. What did Mina's grandmother present to her?

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2. What did the watch collect?

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3. What caused Mina to drop the pie?

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4. What happened to the world when Mina turned the crown?

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5. Why did Mina save the rest of her seconds?

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Words to know

spare: extra and kept for later
crown: the little knob on a watch that you turn
delicious: tasting very good

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 Pocket Watch Saved Extra Seconds

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

Circle: Mina's Pocket Watch Saved Extra Seconds

Easier · 116 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. A silver pocket watch.
2. Extra seconds.
3. Her toe hit a root.
4. The world went slow.
5. She could use them another day.

Triangle: Mina's Pocket Watch Saved Extra Seconds

This passage · 135 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.7

1. A silver pocket watch.
2. Extra seconds.
3. Her toe caught on a root.
4. The world went slow, and the pie hung in the air.
5. She could use them another day when she needed them.

Square: Mina's Pocket Watch Saved Extra Seconds

Harder · 139 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.7

1. A silver pocket watch.
2. Extra seconds.
3. Her toe caught on a root.
4. It slowed down, and the pie hung in the air.
5. She could use them another day, when she really needed them.