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Odalys and the Fitted Sheet Puzzle

Circle group

On Saturday, Odalys had a chore. She had to fold the sheets. The flat sheets were easy. She folded them in half.

Then she got the fitted sheet. It had stretchy corners. It would not lie flat. She folded one side and the other side popped out. She squished it into a ball. "This is a puzzle," she said.

Grandpa came in. "Put your hands in two corners," he said. "Tuck one corner into the other."

Odalys tried it. Soon she had a neat square.

"Look, Grandpa!" she said. Grandpa gave her a thumbs up.

Questions

1. What was Odalys's chore?

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2. Which sheet was hard to fold?

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3. What did Grandpa say to do with the corners?

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4. What shape did the sheet become?

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5. Why did Odalys say the sheet was a puzzle?

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Words to know

chore: a small job you do to help at home
fitted: made to hug the corners of a bed
tuck: to push something inside or under to hold it

neat: tidy and in good order

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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Odalys and the Fitted Sheet Puzzle

Triangle group

On Saturday, Odalys had a chore. She had to fold the sheets from the dryer. The flat sheets were easy. She folded them in half, and in half again.

Then she picked up the fitted sheet. It had stretchy corners. It would not lie flat. She folded one side and the other side popped out. She squished it into a ball. "This sheet is a puzzle," she said.

Grandpa came in and sat down. "Put your hands in two corners," he said. "Then tuck one corner into the other."

Odalys tried it. She tucked the corners. She tucked the other corners too. Soon she had a neat square.

"Look, Grandpa!" she said. "The puzzle is solved." Grandpa gave her a thumbs up. Odalys set the square on top of the pile.

Questions

1. What was Odalys's chore on Saturday?

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2. Which sheet was hard to fold?

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3. What did Grandpa tell her to do with the corners?

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4. What shape did the sheet become at the end?

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5. Why did Odalys call the sheet a puzzle?

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Words to know

chore: a small job you do to help at home
fitted: made to hug the corners of a bed
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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?

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Odalys and the Fitted Sheet Puzzle

Square group

On Saturday morning, Odalys had a chore to finish. She had to fold all of the clean sheets that were warm from the dryer. The flat sheets were easy, because she could fold them in half, and then in half again.

Then she picked up the fitted sheet. It had stretchy corners, and no matter what she did, it would not lie flat. Every time she folded one side, the other side popped out. At last she squished it into a ball. "This sheet is a puzzle," she complained.

Grandpa wandered in and sat down. "Put your hands inside two of the corners," he said patiently. "Then tuck one corner into the other."

Odalys tried it. She tucked those corners together, and then she tucked the other two. Soon she was holding a neat square.

"Look, Grandpa!" she cried. "The puzzle is solved." Grandpa gave her a big thumbs up, and Odalys set the square on top of the pile.

Questions

1. What chore did Odalys have to finish on Saturday morning?

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2. Which sheet would not lie flat?

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3. What did Grandpa tell her to do with the corners?

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4. What did the sheet look like at the end?

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5. Why did Odalys say that the sheet was a puzzle?

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Words to know

chore: a small job you do to help at home
fitted: made to hug the corners of a bed
tuck: to push something inside or under to hold it
neat: tidy and in good order

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: Odalys and the Fitted Sheet Puzzle

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

Circle: Odalys and the Fitted Sheet Puzzle

Easier · 95 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. To fold the sheets.
2. The fitted sheet.
3. Tuck one corner into the other.
4. A neat square.
5. It was hard to figure out how to fold it.

Triangle: Odalys and the Fitted Sheet Puzzle

This passage · 131 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. She had to fold the sheets from the dryer.
2. The fitted sheet.
3. Put her hands in two corners and tuck one corner into the other.
4. A neat square.
5. It was tricky to figure out how to fold it, just like a puzzle.

Square: Odalys and the Fitted Sheet Puzzle

Harder · 160 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. She had to fold all of the clean sheets from the dryer.
2. The fitted sheet.
3. Put her hands inside two corners and tuck one corner into the other.
4. A neat square.
5. It was tricky to work out how to fold it, which is how a puzzle feels.