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Pip and the Puddle Boat

Circle group

It rained all morning. Pip the pup sat by the window. She wanted to play. But the yard was mud and puddles.

"I am so bored," said Pip.

Her friend Jo came in a yellow raincoat. Jo had a paper boat. "Let us sail it in a puddle," said Jo.

They ran out in the rain. Jo set the boat in a big puddle. It spun round. Then it began to sink. The paper was too wet!

"Wait," said Pip. She got a plastic lid. Jo set the boat on the lid. Now it floated. They sailed it all afternoon.

Questions

1. Why did Pip sit by the window?

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2. What did Jo wear?

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3. What did Jo bring?

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4. Why did the boat sink?

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5. What did Pip get?

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6. Why did the boat float on the lid?

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Words to know

puddle: a small pool of water on the ground
bored: tired because you have nothing fun to do
sail: to move across water on a boat
floated: stayed on top of the water

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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Pip and the Puddle Boat

Triangle group

It rained all morning. Pip the pup sat by the window. She wanted to go out and play, but the yard was all mud and puddles.

"I am so bored," said Pip.

Her friend Jo came over in a yellow raincoat. Jo had a paper boat in her hand. "Let us sail it in a puddle," said Jo.

They ran out into the rain. Jo set the boat in the biggest puddle. It spun round and round. Then it began to sink. The paper was too wet!

"Wait," said Pip. She ran to get a plastic lid. Jo set the boat on the lid, and now it floated. They sailed it all afternoon.

Questions

1. Why did Pip sit by the window?

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2. What was Jo wearing?

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3. What did Jo bring?

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4. Why did the paper boat begin to sink?

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5. What did Pip get to fix the problem?

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6. Why did the boat float on the lid?

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Pip and the Puddle Boat

Square group

It rained steadily all morning long. Pip the pup sat gloomily beside the window. She was longing to go outside and play, but the whole yard was nothing but mud and puddles.

"I am so bored," sighed Pip.

Just then, her friend Jo arrived wearing a bright yellow raincoat. Jo was holding a little paper boat. "Let us sail it across a puddle," suggested Jo.

The two friends dashed out into the rain. Jo placed the boat in the biggest puddle, and it spun round and round. Before long, it began to sink, because the paper had become far too wet!

"Wait a moment," said Pip. She hurried off and fetched a plastic lid. Jo set the boat on top of the lid, and this time it floated perfectly. They sailed it for the entire afternoon.

Questions

1. Why did Pip sit gloomily beside the window?

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2. What was Jo wearing when she arrived?

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3. What was Jo holding?

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4. Why did the paper boat begin to sink?

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5. What did Pip fetch to solve the problem?

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6. Why did the boat float on the plastic lid?

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For the teacher: Pip and the Puddle Boat

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

Circle: Pip and the Puddle Boat

Easier · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.2

1. It was raining and she could not play outside.
2. A yellow raincoat.
3. A paper boat.
4. The paper got too wet.
5. A plastic lid.
6. A plastic lid does not get soaked like paper.

Triangle: Pip and the Puddle Boat

This passage · 113 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.8

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2. A yellow raincoat.
3. A paper boat.
4. The paper got too wet.
5. A plastic lid.
6. A plastic lid does not soak up water like paper does.

Square: Pip and the Puddle Boat

Harder · 136 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. It was raining, and the yard was full of mud and puddles, so she could not play outside.
2. A bright yellow raincoat.
3. A little paper boat.
4. The paper had become far too wet.
5. A plastic lid.
6. Plastic does not soak up water the way paper does.