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Pip the Hermit Crab Finds a Roomier Home

Circle group

Pip was a little hermit crab. He lived on a sandy beach. He carried a shell on his back. It was his home.

One day, Pip felt squeezed. His shell was too small. He had grown, but the shell had not. Pip had to find a bigger one.

He walked on the beach. He peeked in a shell. "Too tight," he said. He tried another. "Too big!" he said. Then he found one that was just right.

Pip slipped out of his old shell and into the new one. Another small hermit crab took the old shell. It fit her well.

Now Pip had room to grow.

Questions

1. Where did Pip live?

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2. Why did Pip feel squeezed?

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3. What did Pip say about the second shell?

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4. Who took the old shell?

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5. Why did Pip need a new shell?

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Words to know

hermit: an animal that carries a shell as its home
squeezed: pressed in a space that is too small
peeked: looked quickly at something

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 the Hermit Crab Finds a Roomier Home

Triangle group

Pip was a little hermit crab. He lived on a sandy beach, and he carried a shell on his back. It was his home.

One day, Pip felt squeezed. His shell was too small. He had grown, but the shell had not. A hermit crab cannot grow a new shell, so Pip had to find a bigger one.

He walked along the beach. He peeked into a shell and said, "Too tight." He tried another one. "Too big!" he said. At last he found a shell that was just right.

Pip quickly slipped out of his old shell and into the new one. Then he wiggled to get comfy. Another small hermit crab came by and took the old shell. It fit her well.

Now Pip had room to grow.

Questions

1. Where did Pip live?

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2. Why did Pip feel squeezed?

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3. What did Pip say about the second shell?

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4. Who took the old shell?

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5. Why did Pip have to look for a new shell?

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Words to know

hermit: an animal that carries a shell as its home
squeezed: pressed in a space that is too small
peeked: looked quickly at something
wiggled: moved with small quick turns

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Pip the Hermit Crab Finds a Roomier Home

Square group

Pip was a little hermit crab who lived on a sandy beach, and he carried a shell on his back that served as his home.

One morning, Pip felt uncomfortably squeezed. He had grown a bit, but his shell had stayed the same size. Since a hermit crab cannot grow a new shell, Pip understood that he needed to find a larger one.

He wandered along the beach and peeked inside a shell. "Too tight," he muttered. He tried another one. "Much too big!" he declared. At long last, he found a shell that was just right.

Pip swiftly slipped out of his old shell and into the new one, then wiggled around until he felt comfortable. Soon another small hermit crab came along and claimed the old shell, and it fit her perfectly.

Now Pip had plenty of room to grow.

Questions

1. Where did Pip live?

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2. Why did Pip feel uncomfortably squeezed?

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3. What did Pip say about the second shell he tried?

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4. Who claimed the old shell?

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5. Why did Pip have to search for a larger shell?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Pip the Hermit Crab Finds a Roomier Home

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

Circle: Pip the Hermit Crab Finds a Roomier Home

Easier · 107 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. On a sandy beach.
2. His shell was too small.
3. That it was too big.
4. Another small hermit crab.
5. He had grown, and the old shell did not grow.

Triangle: Pip the Hermit Crab Finds a Roomier Home

This passage · 130 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. On a sandy beach.
2. His shell was too small.
3. That it was too big.
4. Another small hermit crab.
5. A hermit crab cannot grow its own shell, so he needed a bigger one.

Square: Pip the Hermit Crab Finds a Roomier Home

Harder · 142 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

1. On a sandy beach.
2. His shell had stayed the same size while he grew.
3. That it was much too big.
4. Another small hermit crab.
5. A hermit crab cannot grow its own shell, so he needed one that was bigger.