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Rice Grows with Wet Feet

Circle group

Many plants do not like water. But rice does. Rice grows in a paddy. A paddy is a flat field. It has low walls of earth. The walls hold in a pool of water.

Farmers plant small rice seedlings in the mud. The plants stand in the water. They grow tall.

When the rice is ready, it turns golden. The farmers drain the water. They cut the plants and shake out the grains.

Each grain has a husk. The husk comes off before we cook the rice.

Questions

1. What is a paddy?

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2. What do farmers plant in the mud?

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3. What color is the rice when it is ready?

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4. What do farmers do with the water before they cut the plants?

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5. Why does a paddy have walls?

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Words to know

paddy: a flooded field where rice grows
seedlings: very young plants that have just started to grow
husk: the dry outer covering of a grain
drain: to let water flow out

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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Triangle group

Many plants do not like to stand in water, but rice does. Rice is often grown in a paddy. A paddy is a flat field with low walls of earth around it. The walls hold in a shallow pool of water.

First, farmers plant small rice seedlings in the muddy ground. The seedlings stand in the water like tiny green blades of grass. As the weeks go by, the plants grow tall.

When the rice is ready, the plants turn golden. Farmers drain the water from the paddy. Then they cut the plants and shake out the grains.

Each grain has a husk, like a little coat. The husk is taken off before we cook the rice.

Questions

1. What is a paddy?

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2. What do farmers plant in the muddy ground?

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3. What color are the rice plants when the rice is ready?

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4. What do farmers do to the paddy before cutting the plants?

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5. Why does a paddy have walls around it?

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Square group

Most plants do not enjoy standing in water, but rice grows very well that way. Rice is often planted in a paddy, which is a flat field surrounded by low walls of earth. The walls trap a shallow pool of water in the field.

Farmers begin by planting young rice seedlings in the muddy ground. Standing in the water, the seedlings look like tiny blades of green grass, and over the following weeks they grow tall.

When the rice is ripe, the plants turn golden. The farmers drain the water out of the paddy, cut the plants, and shake the grains loose.

Every grain is wrapped in a husk, which works like a little coat. The husk is removed before the rice is cooked.

Questions

1. What is a paddy?

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2. What do farmers plant in the muddy ground?

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3. What color do the rice plants turn when the rice is ripe?

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4. What do the farmers do to the paddy before they cut the plants?

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5. Why are low walls built around a paddy?

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For the teacher: Rice Grows with Wet Feet

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

Circle: Rice Grows with Wet Feet

Easier · 87 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. A flat field with low walls that hold in water.
2. Small rice seedlings.
3. Golden.
4. They drain it.
5. The walls keep the water in.

Triangle: Rice Grows with Wet Feet

This passage · 117 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. A flat field with low walls that hold in a shallow pool of water.
2. Small rice seedlings.
3. Golden.
4. They drain the water.
5. The walls keep the water from running away.

Square: Rice Grows with Wet Feet

Harder · 124 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.6

1. A flat field surrounded by low walls of earth that trap a shallow pool of water.
2. Young rice seedlings.
3. Golden.
4. They drain the water out of it.
5. The walls trap the water so it cannot run out of the field.