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Seeds on the Move

Circle group

A plant cannot walk. But its seeds can go far. A seed needs room to grow. It is best to land far from its parent.

Some seeds ride the wind. A dandelion seed has white fluff. The fluff is like a tiny parachute. It floats on the breeze.

Some seeds ride on animals. A burr has little hooks. It sticks to a dog or a squirrel. Then it falls off in a new place.

Some seeds are in fruit. A bird eats a berry. It flies off. The seeds drop to the ground.

Questions

1. Why is it good for a seed to land far from its parent?

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2. What helps a dandelion seed float?

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3. How does a burr travel?

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4. What does the bird eat?

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5. What are the three ways seeds travel?

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6. Why does a burr have little hooks?

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Words to know

seeds: small parts of a plant that can grow into new plants
parachute: a big cloth that helps something float down slowly
burr: a seed case with little hooks that sticks to fur
breeze: a gentle wind

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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Seeds on the Move

Triangle group

A plant cannot walk, but its seeds can travel far away. This is good for the plant. A seed that lands far from its parent has more room to grow.

Some seeds ride the wind. A dandelion seed has soft white fluff. The fluff works like a tiny parachute and floats on the breeze.

Some seeds ride on animals. A burr has little hooks. It sticks to the fur of a dog or a squirrel. Later, it falls off in a new place.

Some seeds are inside fruit. A bird eats a berry and flies away. Later, the seeds drop to the ground.

Questions

1. Why is it good for a seed to land far from its parent plant?

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2. What does a dandelion seed have that helps it float?

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3. How does a burr travel?

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4. What does a bird do with a berry?

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5. What are the three ways seeds travel in this passage?

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6. Why do you think a burr has little hooks?

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Words to know

seeds: small parts of a plant that can grow into new plants
parachute: a big cloth that helps something float down slowly
burr: a seed case with little hooks that sticks to fur
breeze: a gentle wind

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Seeds on the Move

Square group

A plant cannot walk from place to place, but its seeds can travel a surprisingly long way. That is helpful for the plant, because a seed that lands far from its parent has much more room to grow.

Some seeds travel by wind. A dandelion seed is covered in soft white fluff. The fluff acts like a tiny parachute, carrying the seed along on the gentle breeze.

Other seeds travel on animals. A burr is covered in little hooks, and those hooks cling to the fur of a dog or a squirrel. Eventually the burr falls off in a brand new place.

Still other seeds travel inside fruit. When a bird eats a berry and flies away, the seeds drop to the ground somewhere far from the bush.

Questions

1. Why is it helpful for a seed to land far from its parent plant?

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2. What covers a dandelion seed and helps it float?

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3. How does a burr travel?

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4. What happens to the seeds when a bird eats a berry and flies away?

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5. What are the three ways that seeds travel in this passage?

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6. Why do you think a burr is covered in hooks?

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Words to know

seeds: small parts of a plant that can grow into new plants
parachute: a big cloth that helps something float down slowly
burr: a seed case with little hooks that sticks to fur
breeze: a gentle wind

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: Seeds on the Move

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

Circle: Seeds on the Move

Easier · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. It has more room to grow.
2. White fluff.
3. It sticks to an animal's fur.
4. A berry.
5. On the wind, on animals, and in fruit.
6. They help it grab fur so it can be carried to a new place.

Triangle: Seeds on the Move

This passage · 103 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. It has more room to grow.
2. Soft white fluff.
3. It sticks to the fur of an animal.
4. It eats the berry and flies away.
5. On the wind, on animals, and inside fruit that animals eat.
6. The hooks help it grab onto fur so it can be carried to a new place.

Square: Seeds on the Move

Harder · 128 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.6

1. It has much more room to grow.
2. Soft white fluff.
3. Its hooks cling to the fur of an animal.
4. They drop to the ground far from the bush.
5. By wind, on animals, and inside fruit.
6. The hooks let it grab onto fur so an animal can carry it to a new place.