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The Spelling Bee That Really Buzzed

Circle group

Pia was ready for the spelling bee. She had practiced for a week. She knew every word on her list.

But in the gym, she heard a loud buzz. Real bees flew in the room! They came in through an open window.

A teacher said, "I think they heard the word bee."

Pia stood at the microphone. "Your word is honey," said the judge.

"H-O-N-E-Y," said Pia. A bee landed on her sleeve.

"Correct," said the judge.

The next word was buzz. Pia spelled it. The bees buzzed louder, as if they cheered.

The janitor opened more windows. The bees flew out. Pia won a small jar of honey.

Questions

1. How long had Pia practiced?

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2. How did the bees get in the gym?

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3. What was Pia's first word?

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4. What was Pia's prize?

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5. Why did the teacher say the bees heard the word bee?

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Words to know

practiced: did something again and again to get better
microphone: a tool that makes your voice louder
judge: a person who decides if an answer is right
janitor: a person who takes care of a school building

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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The Spelling Bee That Really Buzzed

Triangle group

Pia was ready for the school spelling bee. She had practiced for a week. She knew every word on her list.

But when she walked into the gym, she heard a loud buzz. Real bees were flying around the room! They had come in through an open window.

A teacher said, "I think they heard the word bee."

Pia stood at the microphone. "Your word is honey," said the judge.

"H-O-N-E-Y," said Pia. A bee landed on her sleeve.

"Correct," said the judge.

The next word was buzz. Pia spelled it, and the bees buzzed louder, as if they cheered for her.

Soon the janitor opened more windows. The bees drifted out, and Pia won. Her prize was a small jar of honey.

Questions

1. How long had Pia practiced?

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2. How did the bees get into the gym?

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3. What was the first word the judge gave Pia?

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4. What was Pia's prize?

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5. Why did the teacher say the bees heard the word bee?

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Words to know

practiced: did something again and again to get better
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Talk together (every group has these)

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The Spelling Bee That Really Buzzed

Square group

Pia was completely ready for the school spelling bee. She had practiced every evening for a whole week, and she knew each word on her list by heart.

But as soon as she stepped into the gym, she heard a loud, steady buzz. Real bees were zooming around the room! They had slipped in through an open window.

One teacher joked, "I think they heard someone say the word bee."

Pia stood at the microphone. "Your word is honey," announced the judge.

"H-O-N-E-Y," said Pia, while a bee landed gently on her sleeve.

"Correct," said the judge.

The next word was buzz. Pia spelled it perfectly, and the bees buzzed even louder, as if they were cheering for her.

Eventually, the janitor propped open more windows, and the bees drifted outside. Pia won the contest, and her prize was a small jar of honey.

Questions

1. How long had Pia practiced for the spelling bee?

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2. How did the bees get into the gym?

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3. What was the first word the judge gave Pia?

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4. What was Pia's prize for winning?

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5. Why did the teacher joke that the bees heard the word bee?

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Words to know

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judge: a person who decides if an answer is right
janitor: a person who takes care of a school building

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: The Spelling Bee That Really Buzzed

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

Circle: The Spelling Bee That Really Buzzed

Easier · 113 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. For a week.
2. Through an open window.
3. Honey.
4. A small jar of honey.
5. It was a joke that they came because of the spelling bee.

Triangle: The Spelling Bee That Really Buzzed

This passage · 127 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. For a week.
2. Through an open window.
3. Honey.
4. A small jar of honey.
5. It was a joke that they came to the spelling bee because of its name.

Square: The Spelling Bee That Really Buzzed

Harder · 148 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. Every evening for a whole week.
2. They slipped in through an open window.
3. Honey.
4. A small jar of honey.
5. It was a joke that the bees came to the spelling bee because of its name.