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Sully the Cloud Shepherd's Stuck Lamb

Circle group

Sully was a cloud shepherd. Each morning, she led her flock across the sky. Her flock was made of fluffy white clouds. They drifted behind her.

One day, she counted them. "Eleven, twelve, thirteen." One lamb was gone!

Sully looked around. She spotted a small cloud on top of a tall flagpole. It was stuck. It cried a few drops of rain.

Sully could not reach it. She called to a bird. "Can you help me?"

The bird flew to the flagpole. He flapped his wings. A soft breeze puffed. The little cloud came free.

"Thank you," said Sully. She put the lamb with the flock.

That night, the flock rested on a mountain. Not one lamb was lost.

Questions

1. What was Sully's job?

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2. How many clouds were in the flock?

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3. Where was the missing lamb?

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4. Who helped Sully?

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5. How did the little cloud feel when it was stuck?

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Words to know

shepherd: a person who takes care of a flock of sheep
flock: a group of animals that stay together
drifted: floated slowly along

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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Sully the Cloud Shepherd's Stuck Lamb

Triangle group

Sully was a cloud shepherd. Every morning, she led her flock of fluffy white clouds across the sky. They were soft as wool, and they drifted along behind her.

One day, she counted her flock. "Eleven, twelve, thirteen." One lamb was missing!

Sully looked all around. At last, she spotted a small cloud tangled on the top of a tall flagpole. It was crying a few drops of rain.

Sully could not reach it. She called to a passing bird. "Please, can you help?"

The bird flapped over to the flagpole. He beat his wings gently, and a soft breeze puffed out. The little cloud slipped free.

"Thank you, thank you," said Sully. She tucked the lamb into the flock.

That night, the flock rested on a mountain, and it did not lose a single lamb.

Questions

1. What was Sully's job?

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2. How many clouds were in the flock?

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3. Where was the missing lamb?

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4. Who helped Sully?

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5. How did the little cloud feel when it was stuck?

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Words to know

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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Sully the Cloud Shepherd's Stuck Lamb

Square group

Sully was a cloud shepherd. Every morning, she guided her flock of fluffy white clouds across the sky, and they drifted along behind her as soft as wool.

One day, she counted her flock. "Eleven, twelve, thirteen." One little lamb was missing!

Sully searched in every direction. At last, she spotted a small cloud tangled on the very top of a tall flagpole. It was crying a few drops of rain.

Sully could not reach it by herself. She called to a passing bird. "Excuse me, could you please help?"

The bird flapped over to the flagpole and beat his wings gently, sending out a soft breeze. The little cloud slipped free.

"Thank you, thank you," said Sully, and she tucked the lamb back into the flock.

That night, the flock rested on a mountaintop, and not a single lamb was lost.

Questions

1. What was Sully's job each morning?

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2. How many clouds were in the flock?

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3. Where was the missing cloud tangled?

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4. Who did Sully ask for help?

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5. How did the little cloud feel while it was stuck?

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For the teacher: Sully the Cloud Shepherd's Stuck Lamb

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

Circle: Sully the Cloud Shepherd's Stuck Lamb

Easier · 119 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. She was a cloud shepherd.
2. Thirteen.
3. On top of a tall flagpole.
4. A bird.
5. Sad, because it cried drops of rain.

Triangle: Sully the Cloud Shepherd's Stuck Lamb

This passage · 136 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. She was a cloud shepherd.
2. Thirteen.
3. Tangled on top of a tall flagpole.
4. A passing bird.
5. Sad or scared, because it was crying drops of rain.

Square: Sully the Cloud Shepherd's Stuck Lamb

Harder · 142 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.4

1. She was a cloud shepherd who guided her flock across the sky.
2. Thirteen.
3. On the very top of a tall flagpole.
4. A passing bird.
5. Sad or frightened, because it was crying drops of rain.