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Take a Number at the Bakery

Circle group

A bakery gets busy on a Saturday. Many people want bread and buns. How can the baker be fair?

A small machine sits by the door. You pull out a paper ticket. It has a number. A sign on the wall shows which number is being served.

When the sign shows your number, it is your turn. You do not push. You do not shout. You can sit or look at the cakes.

This rule is fair. The first person to come gets the first turn. Everyone follows the same rule.

Questions

1. What do you pull from the machine?

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2. What does the sign on the wall show?

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3. When is it your turn?

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4. What can you do while you wait?

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5. Why is the ticket rule fair?

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Words to know

bakery: a shop that makes and sells bread and cakes
ticket: a small piece of paper that gives you a place or a turn
fair: the same and right for everyone

served: helped at a shop or counter

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

A bakery can get very busy on a Saturday morning. Many people want bread and buns at once. How can the baker be fair?

Some bakeries have a small machine by the door. You pull a paper ticket from it. The ticket has a number on it. A sign on the wall shows which number is being served now.

When the sign shows your number, it is your turn. You do not have to push or shout. You can sit down or look at the cakes while you wait.

This is a fair rule because the first person to come gets the first turn. It works for tall people and short people. It works for loud people and quiet people. Everybody follows the same rule.

Questions

1. What do you pull from the machine by the door?

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2. What does the sign on the wall show?

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3. When is it your turn?

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4. What can you do while you wait?

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5. Why is the ticket rule fair to everyone?

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Square group

On a Saturday morning, a bakery can become extremely busy, because so many people want bread and buns all at the same moment. How can the baker make sure that every customer is treated fairly?

Some bakeries keep a small machine near the door. From it, you pull a paper ticket printed with a number. A sign on the wall shows which number is being served at that moment.

When the sign displays your number, it is your turn. There is no need to push ahead or to shout. Instead, you can sit down or admire the cakes while you wait.

This is a fair rule, since the first person to arrive gets the first turn. It works just as well for tall people and short people, and for loud people and quiet people, because everybody follows the same rule.

Questions

1. What do you pull from the machine near the door?

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2. What does the sign on the wall show?

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3. When does it become your turn?

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4. What can you do instead of pushing ahead while you wait?

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5. Why is the ticket rule fair to every customer?

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For the teacher: Take a Number at the Bakery

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

Circle: Take a Number at the Bakery

Easier · 91 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. A paper ticket with a number.
2. Which number is being served.
3. When the sign shows your number.
4. Sit or look at the cakes.
5. The first person to come gets the first turn, and everyone follows the same rule.

Triangle: Take a Number at the Bakery

This passage · 125 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.4

1. A paper ticket with a number.
2. Which number is being served now.
3. When the sign shows your number.
4. Sit down or look at the cakes.
5. The first person to come gets the first turn, and everybody follows the same rule.

Square: Take a Number at the Bakery

Harder · 140 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.5

1. A paper ticket printed with a number.
2. Which number is being served at that moment.
3. When the sign displays your number.
4. Sit down or admire the cakes.
5. The first person to arrive gets the first turn, and everybody follows the same rule.