Name: _____ Date: _____

The Bell That Rang Under the Porch Swing

Circle group

Nora had a silver bell on her backpack. One day, it was gone. She looked in her room. She looked in the kitchen. No bell.

Then she heard a sound. Ting! It came from the porch. Ting! Ting! It came from under the swing.

Nora got down and looked. Two eyes looked back. It was Biscuit, the kitten next door. The bell was on Biscuit's collar. It was tied with yarn.

Nora laughed. "You took my bell!"

Biscuit played with the bell and purred. Nora let her keep it. Now Nora hears ting each day. She knows Biscuit is near.

Questions

1. What was gone from Nora's backpack?

_____

_____

2. Where did the sound come from?

_____

_____

3. Who had the bell?

_____

_____

4. How was the bell on the kitten?

_____

_____

5. Why did Nora let Biscuit keep the bell?

_____

_____

Words to know

collar: a band that goes around a pet's neck

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?

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Bell That Rang Under the Porch Swing

Triangle group

Nora had a silver bell on her backpack. One morning, it was gone. She looked in her room. She looked in the kitchen. No bell.

Then Nora heard a tiny sound. Ting! It came from the porch. She stood very still. Ting! Ting! The sound came from under the swing.

Nora knelt down and peeked. Two bright eyes looked back. It was Biscuit, her neighbor's kitten. The silver bell was tied to Biscuit's collar with a bit of yarn.

Nora laughed. "So you took my bell!" she said.

Biscuit batted the bell and purred. Nora did not want to take it back. She asked her neighbor to hang a new bell on the kitten's collar. Now Nora hears the ting every day, and she knows Biscuit is near.

Questions

1. What was missing from Nora's backpack?

_____

_____

2. Where did the tiny sound come from?

_____

_____

3. Who had the bell?

_____

_____

4. How did the kitten wear the bell?

_____

_____

5. Why did Nora ask for a new bell for the kitten?

_____

_____

Words to know

knelt: got down on your knees
peeked: took a quick, careful look
collar: a band that goes around a pet's neck
neighbor: a person who lives close to you

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?

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Bell That Rang Under the Porch Swing

Square group

Nora kept a silver bell fastened to her backpack. One morning, she discovered that it had disappeared. She searched her bedroom and then the kitchen, but the bell was nowhere to be found.

Suddenly, Nora heard a tiny sound. Ting! It was coming from the porch. She stood perfectly still and listened. Ting! Ting! The sound seemed to come from beneath the swing.

Nora knelt down and peeked underneath. Two bright eyes stared back at her. It was Biscuit, her neighbor's kitten, and the silver bell was tied to the kitten's collar with a bit of yarn.

Nora burst out laughing. "So you are the one who took my bell!" she said.

Biscuit batted the bell happily and purred. Nora decided not to take it back. Instead, she asked her neighbor to hang a new bell on the kitten's collar. Now she hears that cheerful ting every day, and she always knows Biscuit is near.

Questions

1. What had disappeared from Nora's backpack?

_____

_____

2. Where did the tiny sound seem to come from?

_____

_____

3. Who had the bell?

_____

_____

4. How was the bell attached to the kitten?

_____

_____

5. Why did Nora ask her neighbor to hang a new bell on the kitten?

_____

_____

Words to know

knelt: got down on your knees
peeked: took a quick, careful look
collar: a band that goes around a pet's neck
neighbor: a person who lives close to you

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 Bell That Rang Under the Porch Swing

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

Circle: The Bell That Rang Under the Porch Swing

Easier · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. Her silver bell.
2. From under the porch swing.
3. Biscuit, the kitten next door.
4. It was tied to the collar with yarn.
5. Biscuit liked it, and the bell helps Nora know the kitten is near.

Triangle: The Bell That Rang Under the Porch Swing

This passage · 128 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Her silver bell.
2. From under the porch swing.
3. Biscuit, the neighbor's kitten.
4. It was tied to the collar with a bit of yarn.
5. She saw the kitten loved the bell, and a bell lets her know Biscuit is near.

Square: The Bell That Rang Under the Porch Swing

Harder · 155 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. Her silver bell.
2. From beneath the porch swing.
3. Biscuit, her neighbor's kitten.
4. It was tied to the collar with a bit of yarn.
5. She saw that the kitten loved the bell, and a bell lets her know Biscuit is near.