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The Compass That Pointed to Lost Things

Circle group

Hana got a brass compass from her aunt. The needle did not point north. It wobbled. It pointed somewhere else.

"It is broken," said her brother, Leo.

Then Leo cried, "I lost my left mitten!"

Hana looked at the compass. The needle swung to the kitchen. She followed it to the bread box. The mitten was there, in the corner.

"It points to lost things!" said Hana.

All week, the compass helped. It found a book under a bed. It found a spoon in the garden. One night, it pointed to the old oak tree.

Hana climbed up. A bird's nest had her shiny button! She left the nest alone. She took only her button home.

Questions

1. Who gave Hana the compass?

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2. Where was Leo's mitten?

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3. What did the compass find in the garden?

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4. What did Hana find in the nest?

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5. Why did Hana leave the nest alone?

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Words to know

compass: a tool with a needle that points the way
wobbled: shook from side to side
mitten: a warm cover for the hand with one place for the thumb

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 Compass That Pointed to Lost Things

Triangle group

Hana got a brass compass from her aunt. The needle did not point north. It wobbled and spun and pointed somewhere else.

"It is broken," said Hana's brother, Leo.

Then Leo cried, "I cannot find my left mitten!"

Hana looked at the compass. The needle swung toward the kitchen. She followed it to the bread box, and there was the mitten, tucked in the corner.

"It points to lost things!" Hana said.

All week, the compass helped. It found a library book under a bed. It found a spoon in the garden. One evening, it pointed at the old oak tree.

Hana climbed up and found a small bird's nest with a shiny button inside. The button was hers! She gently left the nest alone, and she took only her button home.

Questions

1. Who gave Hana the compass?

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2. Where was Leo's mitten?

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3. What did the compass find in the garden?

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4. What did Hana find in the bird's nest?

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5. Why did Hana leave the nest alone?

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Words to know

compass: a tool with a needle that points the way
wobbled: shook from side to side
mitten: a warm cover for the hand with one place for the thumb
tucked: pushed into a small, snug spot

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 Compass That Pointed to Lost Things

Square group

Hana received a brass compass from her aunt. The needle did not point north the way a compass should. Instead, it wobbled and spun and aimed itself somewhere else entirely.

"It must be broken," said Hana's brother, Leo.

Just then, Leo cried, "I cannot find my left mitten anywhere!"

Hana studied the compass. The needle swung straight toward the kitchen. She followed it to the bread box, and there was the mitten, tucked away in the corner.

"It points to lost things!" Hana exclaimed.

All week long, the compass kept helping. It found a library book under a bed and a spoon in the garden. One evening, it pointed at the old oak tree.

Hana climbed up and discovered a small bird's nest with a shiny button inside. The button was hers! She gently left the nest alone and carried only her own button home.

Questions

1. Who gave Hana the brass compass?

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2. Where did Hana find Leo's mitten?

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3. What did the compass find in the garden?

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4. What did Hana discover inside the bird's nest?

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5. Why did Hana leave the nest alone and take only her button?

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Words to know

compass: a tool with a needle that points the way
wobbled: shook from side to side
mitten: a warm cover for the hand with one place for the thumb
tucked: pushed into a small, snug spot

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 Compass That Pointed to Lost Things

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

Circle: The Compass That Pointed to Lost Things

Easier · 116 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. Her aunt.
2. In the bread box.
3. A spoon.
4. Her shiny button.
5. She wanted to be kind to the bird.

Triangle: The Compass That Pointed to Lost Things

This passage · 132 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. Her aunt.
2. In the bread box in the kitchen.
3. A spoon.
4. A shiny button that was hers.
5. She wanted to be kind to the bird and not disturb its home.

Square: The Compass That Pointed to Lost Things

Harder · 145 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. Her aunt.
2. In the bread box, tucked in the corner.
3. A spoon.
4. A shiny button that was hers.
5. She wanted to be kind to the bird and not disturb its home.