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The Echo Cave Under Maple Hill

Circle group

On Saturday, Ines and her uncle hiked up Maple Hill. He knew a cave that talks back.

The path was steep. At the top, they found a dark hole in the rock.

"Say something," said Uncle Paz.

Ines took a big breath. "Hello!" she called.

"Hello, hello, hello," said the cave. The voice sounded far off.

Ines giggled. She called her name, and the cave said it back. She sang a song. The cave sang it too, a bit late.

"How does it do that?" asked Ines.

"Your voice hits the rock and bounces back," said her uncle. "That is an echo."

Ines stayed outside, because the cave was dark. She waved. "Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye," said the cave.

Questions

1. Where did Ines and her uncle hike?

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2. What did the cave do when Ines called hello?

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3. What made the echo?

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4. Why did Ines stay outside the cave?

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5. What did Ines do before she left?

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Words to know

steep: rising up very sharply, hard to climb
echo: a sound that bounces back to you
giggled: laughed in a quiet, silly way

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 Echo Cave Under Maple Hill

Triangle group

On Saturday, Ines and her uncle hiked up Maple Hill. Her uncle had told her about a cave that talks back.

The path was steep, and Ines had to use her hands in some places. At the top, they found a wide, dark opening in the rock.

"Say something," said Uncle Paz.

Ines took a big breath. "Hello!" she called.

"Hello, hello, hello," said the cave. The voice sounded far away.

Ines giggled. She called out her name, and the cave called it back. Then she tried a song. The cave sang it too, a little late.

"How does it do that?" asked Ines.

"Your voice hits the rock walls and bounces back," said her uncle. "That is an echo."

Ines did not go inside, because the cave was dark. But she waved goodbye. "Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye," said the cave.

Questions

1. Where did Ines and her uncle hike?

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2. What did the cave do when Ines called hello?

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3. What made the echo?

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4. Why did Ines stay outside the cave?

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5. What did Ines do before she left?

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Words to know

steep: rising up very sharply, hard to climb
opening: a space where you can go in
echo: a sound that bounces back to you
giggled: laughed in a quiet, silly way

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 Echo Cave Under Maple Hill

Square group

On Saturday, Ines and her uncle hiked up Maple Hill, because he had told her about a cave that seemed to talk back.

The path was so steep that Ines had to use her hands in a few places. At the top, they discovered a wide, dark opening in the rock.

"Say something," suggested Uncle Paz.

Ines took a deep breath. "Hello!" she called.

"Hello, hello, hello," replied the cave. The voice sounded very far away.

Ines giggled. She shouted her name, and the cave called it back to her. Then she tried a song, and the cave sang it too, just a little late.

"How does it do that?" asked Ines.

"Your voice hits the rock walls and bounces right back," explained her uncle. "That is called an echo."

Ines did not go inside, because the cave was so dark. Instead, she waved goodbye. "Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye," said the cave.

Questions

1. Where did Ines and her uncle hike?

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2. How did the cave reply when Ines called hello?

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3. What causes an echo, according to her uncle?

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4. Why did Ines choose to stay outside the cave?

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5. What did Ines do before she left the cave?

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Words to know

steep: rising up very sharply, hard to climb
opening: a space where you can go in
echo: a sound that bounces back to you
giggled: laughed in a quiet, silly way

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 Echo Cave Under Maple Hill

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

Circle: The Echo Cave Under Maple Hill

Easier · 118 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. Up Maple Hill.
2. It said hello back again and again.
3. Her voice hit the rock and bounced back.
4. It was dark inside.
5. She waved goodbye, and the cave said goodbye back.

Triangle: The Echo Cave Under Maple Hill

This passage · 140 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. Up Maple Hill.
2. It said hello back again and again.
3. Her voice hit the rock walls and bounced back.
4. It was dark inside.
5. She waved goodbye and the cave said goodbye back.

Square: The Echo Cave Under Maple Hill

Harder · 151 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. Up Maple Hill.
2. It said hello back again and again.
3. Her voice hits the rock walls and bounces back.
4. It was dark inside.
5. She waved goodbye, and the cave said goodbye back.