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The Echo That Answered Late

Circle group

Wren stood by a deep canyon. She put her hands by her mouth. "Hello!" she called.

Nothing came back. Wren waited. She tossed a stone in the grass.

At last, a tiny voice came up from the canyon. "Hello!" it said. It was Wren's voice, but it was slow.

Wren laughed. "You are a late echo!"

"I am sorry," said the echo. "I am old. My legs are long. I run around the rocks."

Wren had an idea. Each day, she said hello in the morning. Then she went to school. When she got home, the echo was ready.

"Hello, Wren," it said. It was right on time.

Questions

1. Where did Wren stand?

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2. Why was the echo late?

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3. What did Wren do while she waited?

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4. When did Wren say hello each day?

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5. Why was the echo ready when Wren got home?

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Words to know

canyon: a deep valley with steep rocky sides

echo: a sound that comes back 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?

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The Echo That Answered Late

Triangle group

Wren stood at the edge of a deep canyon. She cupped her hands around her mouth. "Hello!" she shouted.

Nothing came back. Wren waited and waited. She picked up a stone and tossed it into the grass.

At last, a tiny voice floated up from the canyon. "Hello!" it said. It was Wren's own voice, but it was very slow.

Wren laughed. "You are a late echo!"

"I am sorry," said the echo. "I am old, and my legs are long. I have to run all the way around the rocks."

Wren had an idea. Each day, she said her hello early in the morning. Then she went to school. When she came home, the echo was always ready.

"Hello, Wren," it said, right on time.

Questions

1. Where did Wren stand?

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2. Why was the echo late?

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3. What did Wren do while she waited?

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4. When did Wren say her hello each day?

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5. Why was the echo ready when Wren came home?

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Words to know

canyon: a deep valley with steep rocky sides
echo: a sound that comes back to you
cupped: held your hands in the shape of a bowl
floated: moved along softly in the air

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 That Answered Late

Square group

Wren stood at the edge of a very deep canyon. She cupped her hands around her mouth and shouted, "Hello!"

Nothing came back. Wren waited and waited. She picked up a pebble and tossed it into the grass, wondering whether the canyon had heard her.

At last, a tiny voice floated up from far below. "Hello!" it said. It was Wren's own voice, but it sounded slow and sleepy.

Wren laughed. "You must be a late echo!"

"I am terribly sorry," said the echo. "I am quite old, and my legs are long. I have to run all the way around the rocks before I can answer."

Wren had a clever idea. Every day, she called out her hello early in the morning. Then she went off to school. By the time she came home, the echo was always waiting.

"Hello, Wren," it said, right on time.

Questions

1. Where did Wren stand when she shouted?

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2. Why was the echo so late?

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3. What did Wren do while she waited?

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4. When did Wren call out her hello each day?

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5. Why was the echo ready when Wren came home from school?

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Words to know

canyon: a deep valley with steep rocky sides
echo: a sound that comes back to you
cupped: held your hands in the shape of a bowl
floated: moved along softly in the air

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 That Answered Late

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

Circle: The Echo That Answered Late

Easier · 108 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. By a deep canyon.
2. It was old and ran around the rocks.
3. She tossed a stone in the grass.
4. In the morning.
5. It had all day to answer.

Triangle: The Echo That Answered Late

This passage · 126 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. At the edge of a deep canyon.
2. It was old and had to run all the way around the rocks.
3. She picked up a stone and tossed it into the grass.
4. Early in the morning.
5. It had the whole day to run around the rocks and answer.

Square: The Echo That Answered Late

Harder · 147 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. At the edge of a very deep canyon.
2. It was old and had to run all the way around the rocks.
3. She tossed a pebble into the grass.
4. Early in the morning.
5. It had the whole day to run around the rocks and be on time.