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The Giant Pumpkin Patch

Circle group

Grandpa Ray grew a pumpkin in his garden. All summer it grew. By fall, it was as big as a wheelbarrow.

"Time to take it home," said Grandpa Ray. He tried to lift it. He could not. It was too heavy.

His grandkids, Ben and Lily, came to help. Ben pushed. Lily pulled. The pumpkin did not move.

"We need a plan," said Lily. She got a long board. They used the board as a ramp. They slid the pumpkin onto the wheelbarrow.

"Hooray!" they cheered. They rolled the pumpkin up the path. Grandpa Ray made pumpkin pie.

Questions

1. How big was the pumpkin?

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2. Why could Grandpa Ray not lift it?

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3. Who came to help?

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4. What did Lily get?

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5. What did Grandpa Ray make?

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6. Why did the pumpkin move when they used the board?

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Words to know

wheelbarrow: a small cart with one wheel for carrying heavy things
ramp: a slope that helps you move something up or down
garden: a place where people grow plants
heavy: hard to lift because it weighs a lot

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 Giant Pumpkin Patch

Triangle group

Grandpa Ray grew a pumpkin in his garden. All summer it grew and grew. By fall, it was as big as a wheelbarrow.

"Time to take it home," said Grandpa Ray. But when he tried to lift it, he could not. It was too heavy.

His grandkids, Ben and Lily, came to help. Ben pushed. Lily pulled. The pumpkin did not move.

"We need a plan," said Lily. She ran to get a long board. Then they used the board like a ramp and slid the pumpkin onto the wheelbarrow.

"Hooray!" they all cheered. They rolled the giant pumpkin up the path. Grandpa Ray made pumpkin pie for everyone.

Questions

1. How big did the pumpkin grow?

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2. Why could Grandpa Ray not lift the pumpkin?

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3. Who came to help Grandpa Ray?

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4. What did Lily get to help move the pumpkin?

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5. What did Grandpa Ray make at the end?

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6. Why did the pumpkin finally move when they used the board?

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Words to know

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The Giant Pumpkin Patch

Square group

Grandpa Ray grew an enormous pumpkin in his vegetable garden. All summer long it grew and grew, and by the time autumn arrived, it was as big as a wheelbarrow.

"It is time to take this pumpkin home," announced Grandpa Ray. But when he tried to lift it, he discovered that it was far too heavy for him.

His grandchildren, Ben and Lily, hurried over to help. Ben pushed with all his might while Lily pulled, but the pumpkin would not budge.

"We need a clever plan," said Lily. She ran off to find a long wooden board. Together they leaned the board against the wheelbarrow like a ramp and slid the pumpkin up onto it.

"Hooray!" they all cheered. They rolled the giant pumpkin up the path, and later Grandpa Ray baked a pumpkin pie for everyone.

Questions

1. How big was the pumpkin by the time autumn arrived?

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2. Why could Grandpa Ray not lift the pumpkin?

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3. Which grandchildren hurried over to help?

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4. What did Lily find to help move the pumpkin?

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5. What did Grandpa Ray bake for everyone at the end?

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6. Why did the pumpkin finally move once they used the board?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Giant Pumpkin Patch

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

Circle: The Giant Pumpkin Patch

Easier · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. As big as a wheelbarrow.
2. It was too heavy.
3. Ben and Lily.
4. A long board.
5. Pumpkin pie.
6. The board was a ramp, so they could slide it up and did not have to lift it.

Triangle: The Giant Pumpkin Patch

This passage · 109 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. As big as a wheelbarrow.
2. It was too heavy.
3. His grandkids, Ben and Lily.
4. A long board.
5. Pumpkin pie.
6. The board worked like a ramp, so they could slide the pumpkin up instead of lifting it.

Square: The Giant Pumpkin Patch

Harder · 138 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5

1. As big as a wheelbarrow.
2. It was far too heavy for him.
3. Ben and Lily.
4. A long wooden board.
5. A pumpkin pie.
6. The board worked like a ramp, so they could slide the pumpkin up instead of lifting it.