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The Hedgehog and the Leaf Umbrella

Circle group

Hazel the hedgehog found a big, wide leaf on a rainy day. She held it over her head like an umbrella. Her spines stayed dry. She felt clever.

A cold, wet mouse came by. "May I stand under your leaf?" he asked.

"No," said Hazel. "It is only big enough for me."

She walked on. The wind pulled the leaf. A puddle splashed her toes. She shivered. Then she saw the mouse. He was shivering, too.

Hazel turned back. "I was wrong," she said. "Come under. We can fit if we stand close."

They went home side by side. The leaf was the same size, but it felt warmer with a friend.

Questions

1. What did Hazel use as an umbrella?

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2. What did the mouse ask Hazel?

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3. What did Hazel say at first?

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4. What made Hazel shiver?

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5. Why did Hazel change her mind?

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6. What is the lesson of the story?

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Words to know

umbrella: something held over your head to keep rain off
spines: sharp, stiff points on the back of a hedgehog
puddle: a small pool of water on the ground
shivered: shook a little because of cold

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 Hedgehog and the Leaf Umbrella

Triangle group

Hazel the hedgehog found a huge, wide leaf on the ground one rainy day. She held it over her head like an umbrella. Her spines stayed dry, and she felt very clever.

A cold, wet mouse came by. "May I stand under your leaf?" he asked.

"Oh, no," said Hazel. "It is only big enough for me."

But as she walked on, the wind tugged the leaf, and a puddle splashed over her toes. She shivered. Then she noticed the mouse had stopped and was shivering, too.

Hazel turned around. "I was wrong," she said. "Come under. Two can fit if we stand close."

They squeezed together and walked home side by side. The leaf was just as big as before, but it felt warmer with company.

Questions

1. What did Hazel use as an umbrella?

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2. What did the mouse ask Hazel?

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3. What did Hazel say at first?

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4. What made Hazel shiver?

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5. Why did Hazel change her mind?

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6. What lesson does the story teach?

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The Hedgehog and the Leaf Umbrella

Square group

On a drizzly afternoon Hazel the hedgehog discovered an enormous, wide leaf lying on the ground. She held it above her head like an umbrella, and her spines stayed perfectly dry. She felt rather clever.

A cold, soaking wet mouse wandered by. "Might I stand beneath your leaf?" he asked politely.

"Certainly not," said Hazel. "It is only large enough for one."

But as she walked on, the wind tugged at the leaf, and a puddle splashed over her toes. She shivered. Then she noticed that the mouse had stopped in the road and was trembling, too.

Hazel turned around. "I was mistaken," she admitted. "Please come under. Two of us can fit if we stand close together."

They squeezed together and strolled home side by side. The leaf was exactly the same size as before, but it felt much warmer with company.

Questions

1. What did Hazel hold above her head as an umbrella?

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2. What did the mouse politely ask Hazel?

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3. What did Hazel say at first?

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4. What made Hazel shiver?

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5. Why did Hazel change her mind about the mouse?

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6. What lesson does the story teach?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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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 Hedgehog and the Leaf Umbrella

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

Circle: The Hedgehog and the Leaf Umbrella

Easier · 112 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. A big, wide leaf.
2. If he could stand under her leaf.
3. That the leaf was only big enough for her.
4. A puddle splashed her toes.
5. She saw the mouse was cold, too.
6. Sharing makes things better for all.

Triangle: The Hedgehog and the Leaf Umbrella

This passage · 127 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. A huge, wide leaf.
2. If he could stand under her leaf.
3. That the leaf was only big enough for her.
4. A puddle splashed over her toes.
5. She saw the mouse was cold, too, and felt sorry for him.
6. Sharing what you have makes things better for everyone.

Square: The Hedgehog and the Leaf Umbrella

Harder · 143 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

1. An enormous, wide leaf.
2. If he might stand beneath her leaf.
3. That the leaf was only large enough for one.
4. A puddle splashed over her toes.
5. She noticed he was cold and trembling, and she felt sorry for him.
6. Sharing what you have improves things for everyone involved.