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The Kite That Tugged the Sunrise

Circle group

Odalys had a yellow kite. It had a long blue tail. One morning, the sun was late. The town was dark and cold.

Odalys ran up the hill. The wind took her kite. Up it went! It went past the roofs. It went past the clouds. Then it stopped. It pulled on the string.

"Something is stuck," said Odalys.

She held on. The kite tugged. A bright edge of the sun peeked over the hills. It was stuck on the kite's tail!

Odalys gave one soft pull. The sun popped free. It rolled up in the sky. Warm light spread over the town.

"Thank you," said the sun.

Odalys smiled.

Questions

1. What color was the kite?

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2. Why was the town dark and cold?

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3. What was stuck on the kite's tail?

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4. What did Odalys do to free the sun?

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5. Why did the sun say thank you?

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Words to know

kite: a light toy that flies on a long string
tugged: pulled hard and fast
peeked: looked out for a short moment

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 Kite That Tugged the Sunrise

Triangle group

Odalys had a yellow kite with a long blue tail. One gray morning, the sun was late. The whole town was still dark and cold.

Odalys ran up the hill with her kite. The wind caught it, and up it went. The kite climbed past the roofs. It climbed past the clouds. Then it stopped and pulled hard on the string.

"Something is stuck up there," said Odalys.

She held on tight. The kite tugged, and a bright edge of the sun peeked over the hills. It had caught its round side on the tail of the kite!

Odalys gave one gentle pull. The sun popped free and rolled up into the sky. Warm light spread over the town.

"Thank you," said the sun in a sleepy, golden voice.

Odalys smiled and reeled in her kite.

Questions

1. What color was the kite?

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2. Why was the town dark and cold?

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3. What was stuck on the kite's tail?

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4. What did Odalys do to free the sun?

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5. Why did the sun say thank you?

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Words to know

kite: a light toy that flies on a long string
tugged: pulled hard and fast
peeked: looked out for a short moment
reeled: wound the string back in

Talk together (every group has these)

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The Kite That Tugged the Sunrise

Square group

Odalys owned a yellow kite with a long, fluttering blue tail. One gray morning, the sun was running late, and the entire town lay dark and chilly.

Odalys raced up the hill with her kite. The wind caught it at once, and it soared past the rooftops and above the clouds. Then it suddenly stopped and pulled hard on the string.

"Something must be stuck up there," said Odalys.

She held on tightly. The kite tugged again, and a bright edge of the sun peeked over the hills. The sun had caught its round side on the kite's tail!

Odalys gave one careful, gentle pull. The sun popped free and rolled up into the sky, and warm light spread across the town.

"Thank you," said the sun in a sleepy, golden voice.

Odalys smiled and slowly reeled in her kite.

Questions

1. What did Odalys's kite look like?

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2. Why was the whole town dark and chilly?

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3. What had the sun caught on the kite's tail?

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4. How did Odalys free the sun?

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5. Why did the sun thank Odalys?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: The Kite That Tugged the Sunrise

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

Circle: The Kite That Tugged the Sunrise

Easier · 110 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. It was yellow with a blue tail.
2. The sun was late.
3. The sun.
4. She gave one soft pull.
5. Odalys helped it get free.

Triangle: The Kite That Tugged the Sunrise

This passage · 136 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. It was yellow with a long blue tail.
2. The sun was late.
3. The round side of the sun.
4. She gave one gentle pull.
5. Odalys helped it get free so it could rise.

Square: The Kite That Tugged the Sunrise

Harder · 140 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. It was yellow with a long blue tail.
2. The sun was running late.
3. Its round side.
4. She gave one careful, gentle pull.
5. She helped it get free so it could rise and warm the town.