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The Mole and the Lantern Moths

Circle group

Mina the mole lived under the ground, where it was dark. One night she found a glowing jar in her tunnel. Three pale moths were in it. They shone like tiny lamps.

"These are mine," said Mina. She hid the jar in her pantry. She used the light to read.

The moths grew dim and sleepy. "We need air and a flower," they said.

Mina felt sorry. She took the jar up to the grass. The moths flew out and sipped from a flower. They glowed bright.

"Come back any time," Mina said.

Each night the moths came and lit her tunnel. It was free. Mina saw that a shared light is best.

Questions

1. Where did Mina live?

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2. What did Mina find in her tunnel?

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3. Why did the moths grow dim and sleepy?

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4. What did the moths do when they were free?

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5. Why did the moths come back each night?

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6. What is the lesson of the story?

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Words to know

tunnel: a long hole that goes under the ground
pantry: a small room where food is kept
dim: not bright

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 Mole and the Lantern Moths

Triangle group

Mina the mole lived deep underground, where it was very dark. One evening she found a glowing jar in her tunnel. Inside were three pale moths that shone like tiny lamps.

"These are mine," said Mina. She hid the jar in her pantry and used the light to read her books.

Soon the moths grew dim and sleepy. "We need fresh air and a flower," they whispered.

Mina felt sorry. She carried the jar up through the soil and set it in the grass. The moths fluttered out and sipped from a night flower. They glowed brighter than ever.

"Come back any time," Mina said.

Each night the moths visited her tunnel and lit it for free. Mina found that a shared light shines longer than a locked-up one.

Questions

1. Where did Mina live?

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2. What did Mina find in her tunnel?

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3. Why did the moths grow dim and sleepy?

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4. What did the moths do after Mina set them free?

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5. Why did the moths come back to her tunnel each night?

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6. What is the lesson of this story?

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Words to know

tunnel: a long hole that goes under the ground
pantry: a small room where food is kept
dim: not bright
fluttered: flew with quick, light wing beats

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 Mole and the Lantern Moths

Square group

Mina the mole lived far beneath the ground, where the tunnels were always dark. One evening she discovered a glowing jar sitting in her passageway. Inside were three pale moths that shimmered like tiny lamps.

"These belong to me," declared Mina. She tucked the jar away in her pantry and used the gentle light to read her favorite books.

Before long the moths turned dim and drowsy. "We need fresh air and a flower," they whispered weakly.

Mina felt a pang of guilt. She carried the jar up through the soil and placed it on the grass. The moths fluttered out and sipped from a night flower, and they glowed brighter than ever.

"Please visit whenever you like," Mina said.

Every night after that, the moths drifted into her tunnel and lit it for free. Mina discovered that a light which is shared will shine far longer than one that is locked away.

Questions

1. Where did Mina live?

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2. What did Mina discover in her passageway?

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3. Why did the moths turn dim and drowsy?

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4. What did the moths do after Mina placed the jar on the grass?

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5. Why did the moths return to her tunnel every night?

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6. What lesson does the story teach?

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Words to know

tunnel: a long hole that goes under the ground
pantry: a small room where food is kept
dim: not bright
fluttered: flew with quick, light wing beats

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 Mole and the Lantern Moths

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

Circle: The Mole and the Lantern Moths

Easier · 113 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. Under the ground.
2. A glowing jar with three moths.
3. They needed air and a flower.
4. They sipped from a flower and glowed bright.
5. Mina was kind to them, so they wanted to help.
6. Being kind and sharing is better than keeping things.

Triangle: The Mole and the Lantern Moths

This passage · 130 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. Deep underground.
2. A glowing jar with three moths.
3. They needed fresh air and a flower.
4. They sipped from a night flower and glowed brighter.
5. Mina had been kind to them, so they wanted to help her.
6. Sharing and being kind brings better things than keeping everything for yourself.

Square: The Mole and the Lantern Moths

Harder · 153 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. Far beneath the ground, in dark tunnels.
2. A glowing jar with three pale moths inside.
3. They needed fresh air and a flower.
4. They sipped from a night flower and glowed brighter.
5. Mina had treated them kindly, so they gladly helped her.
6. Sharing and kindness bring better rewards than keeping everything for yourself.