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The Snail Who Raced the Rain

Circle group

Pip the snail wanted to see his aunt. She lived on the far side of the garden. Gray clouds came in. "I will get there before the rain," he said.

A beetle said, "You are too slow. Wait for a sunny day."

But Pip did not wait. He slid on the path and past the beans. Drip. Drip. The rain came, and Pip smiled. Snails like wet leaves.

His aunt stood at her door. "You came in the rain!" she said. "That was brave."

"It was not brave," said Pip. "It is just the weather I like."

The beetle sat under a leaf. He was dry, but he was lonely.

Questions

1. Who did Pip want to see?

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2. What did the beetle tell Pip to do?

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3. Why did Pip smile when the rain came?

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4. How did the beetle feel at the end?

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5. Why was the rain not a problem for Pip?

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6. What is the lesson of the story?

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Words to know

garden: a place where people grow plants
path: a narrow way to walk along
brave: not afraid to do something hard
lonely: sad because you are all alone

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 Snail Who Raced the Rain

Triangle group

Pip the snail wanted to visit his aunt on the other side of the garden. Gray clouds were rolling in. "I will get there before the rain," he said.

A beetle called out, "You are too slow, Pip. Wait for a sunny day."

But Pip would not wait. He slid across the path, past the tall beans and under the fence. Drip. Drip. The rain began, and Pip smiled. Snails love wet leaves.

His aunt was waiting at her door. "You came in the rain!" she said. "That was brave."

"It was not brave," said Pip. "It was just my kind of weather."

The beetle was stuck under a leaf, dry but lonely. Pip learned that the best time for a trip is when it suits you, not when others say you should go.

Questions

1. Where did Pip want to go?

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2. What did the beetle tell Pip to do?

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3. Why did Pip smile when the rain began?

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4. Where did the beetle end up?

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5. Why was the rain not a problem for Pip?

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6. What lesson does the story teach?

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Words to know

garden: a place where people grow plants
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The Snail Who Raced the Rain

Square group

Pip the snail was determined to visit his aunt, who lived on the opposite side of the enormous garden. Heavy gray clouds were gathering overhead. "I shall arrive before the rain begins," he announced.

A beetle scoffed from a nearby stem. "You are far too slow, Pip. You ought to wait for a sunny day."

Pip refused to listen. He glided across the winding path, past the towering bean plants, and beneath the wooden fence. Soon the first drops began to fall, and Pip smiled, because snails adore wet leaves.

His aunt was waiting beside her door. "You traveled in the rain!" she exclaimed. "How courageous of you."

"It was not courage at all," said Pip. "It was simply my favorite sort of weather."

Meanwhile the beetle was stranded beneath a leaf, perfectly dry but terribly lonely.

Questions

1. Where did Pip's aunt live?

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2. What advice did the beetle give Pip?

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3. Why did Pip smile when the first drops fell?

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4. Where was the beetle at the end of the story?

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5. Why did the rain make Pip's trip easy instead of hard?

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6. What lesson can a reader take from the story?

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Words to know

garden: a place where people grow plants
path: a narrow way to walk along
lonely: sad because you are all alone

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 Snail Who Raced the Rain

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

Circle: The Snail Who Raced the Rain

Easier · 110 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

1. His aunt.
2. Wait for a sunny day.
3. Snails like wet leaves.
4. Lonely, even though he was dry.
5. Snails like rain, so it was easy for him.
6. Do what is good for you and do not let others stop you.

Triangle: The Snail Who Raced the Rain

This passage · 134 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. To visit his aunt on the other side of the garden.
2. Wait for a sunny day.
3. Snails love wet leaves.
4. Stuck under a leaf.
5. It was the kind of weather a snail likes, so the trip was easy for him.
6. Do what suits you and do not let others talk you out of a good plan.

Square: The Snail Who Raced the Rain

Harder · 137 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.5

1. On the opposite side of the garden.
2. To wait for a sunny day.
3. Snails adore wet leaves.
4. Stranded beneath a leaf, dry but lonely.
5. It was the kind of weather snails enjoy.
6. Follow the plan that suits you instead of letting others talk you out of it.