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The Sun Gives Us Light and Heat

Circle group

The sun is a star. It looks small. But it is very big. It is just far away.

The sun gives us light. Each morning it comes up. It lights the sky. At night our part of the Earth turns away from the sun. Then it is dark.

The sun gives us heat too. It warms the land, the air, and the sea. Plants need the sun to grow. Without the sun, Earth would be dark and cold.

Do not look at the sun. It can hurt your eyes.

Questions

1. What is the sun?

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2. Why does the sun look small?

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3. What two things does the sun give us?

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4. What do plants need from the sun?

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5. Why should you not look at the sun?

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6. Why is it dark at night?

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Words to know

star: a huge ball of hot, glowing gas in space
heat: warmth that makes things hot
Earth: the planet where we live
far: a long way off

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 Sun Gives Us Light and Heat

Triangle group

The sun is a star. It looks small in the sky, but it is very, very big. It looks small because it is so far away.

The sun gives us light. Every morning it comes up and lights the sky. At night, when our part of the Earth turns away from the sun, it gets dark.

The sun also gives us heat. It warms the land, the air, and the sea. Plants need the sun's light to grow. Without the sun, Earth would be dark and cold.

Never look right at the sun. It can hurt your eyes.

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The Sun Gives Us Light and Heat

Square group

The sun is a star, and although it appears small in the sky, it is actually enormous. It only looks small because it is incredibly far away from us.

The sun provides us with light. Each morning it rises and brightens the sky. At night, when our part of the Earth turns away from the sun, darkness settles over the land.

The sun also provides heat. It warms the land, the air, and the sea. Plants depend on the sun's light in order to grow. Without the sun, our planet would be dark and freezing cold.

You should never stare directly at the sun, because it can damage your eyes.

Questions

1. What kind of object is the sun?

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2. Why does the sun look small even though it is enormous?

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3. What two things does the sun provide for us?

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4. What do plants depend on the sun for?

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5. Why should you never stare directly at the sun?

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6. Why does darkness settle over the land at night?

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For the teacher: The Sun Gives Us Light and Heat

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

Circle: The Sun Gives Us Light and Heat

Easier · 89 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. A star.
2. It is far away.
3. Light and heat.
4. Light, to grow.
5. It can hurt your eyes.
6. Our part of the Earth has turned away from the sun.

Triangle: The Sun Gives Us Light and Heat

This passage · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

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3. Light and heat.
4. Light, to grow.
5. It can hurt your eyes.
6. Our part of the Earth has turned away from the sun.

Square: The Sun Gives Us Light and Heat

Harder · 110 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. A star.
2. It is incredibly far away.
3. Light and heat.
4. Its light, so they can grow.
5. It can damage your eyes.
6. Our part of the Earth has turned away from the sun.