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The Walk Button Sends a Message

Circle group

On a busy street corner, you may see a button on a pole. Push it and wait.

The button sends a message to the traffic light. The light knows that you want to cross. Soon the cars get a red light. Then the walking sign comes on.

The light does not change at once. It has to finish its turn. That keeps cars safe.

Push the button one time. Pushing it more does not make it faster. Wait, and look both ways.

Questions

1. Where is the walk button?

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2. Who gets the message from the button?

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3. What do the cars get before the walking sign comes on?

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4. Does pushing the button more make the light faster?

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5. Why does the light make you wait a little?

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Words to know

button: a small part you push to make something happen
message: news that is sent from one place to another
traffic: cars and trucks moving along a road
cross: to go from one side of the road to the other

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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Triangle group

At a busy street corner, you may see a button on a pole. It has a little sign that says to push it and wait.

When you push the button, it sends a message to the traffic light. The light knows that someone wants to cross. After a short time, the cars get a red light. Then the walking sign turns on for you.

The button does not work right away. The light has to finish its turn first. That keeps the cars moving in a safe order.

Pushing the button once is enough. Pushing it again and again does not make the light change faster. So push it, wait, and look both ways before you step into the road.

Questions

1. Where is the walk button?

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2. What does the button send a message to?

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3. What do the cars get before the walking sign turns on?

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4. Does pushing the button many times make the light change faster?

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5. Why does the light make you wait a little?

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Words to know

button: a small part you push to make something happen
message: news that is sent from one place to another
traffic: cars and trucks moving along a road
cross: to go from one side of the road to the other

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 Walk Button Sends a Message

Square group

At a busy street corner, you will often notice a button mounted on a pole, along with a small sign that tells you to push it and wait.

When you press the button, it sends a message to the traffic light, so the light knows that a person wants to cross. After a short while, the cars are given a red light, and then the walking sign turns on for you.

The button does not work instantly, because the light must first finish its turn. Waiting keeps the cars moving in a safe order.

Pressing the button one time is plenty. Pressing it again and again will not make the light change any faster, so press it once, wait patiently, and look both ways before you step into the road.

Questions

1. Where can you find the walk button at a busy corner?

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2. Which part of the street does the button send a message to?

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3. What do the cars receive just before the walking sign turns on?

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4. Will pressing the button again and again make the light change faster?

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5. Why must you wait a little after pressing the button?

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Words to know

button: a small part you push to make something happen
message: news that is sent from one place to another
traffic: cars and trucks moving along a road
cross: to go from one side of the road to the other

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 Walk Button Sends a Message

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

Circle: The Walk Button Sends a Message

Easier · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. On a pole at a busy corner.
2. The traffic light.
3. A red light.
4. No, one push is enough.
5. It has to finish its turn to keep the cars safe.

Triangle: The Walk Button Sends a Message

This passage · 120 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.7

1. On a pole at a busy street corner.
2. The traffic light.
3. A red light.
4. No, pushing it once is enough.
5. It has to finish its turn so the cars can move in a safe order.

Square: The Walk Button Sends a Message

Harder · 130 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.6

1. On a pole, with a small sign beside it.
2. The traffic light.
3. A red light.
4. No, pressing it once is plenty.
5. The light has to finish its turn so the cars move in a safe order.