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Two Cousins, One Hammock

Circle group

Grandma's yard had one hammock. It hung between two apple trees. Pia and her cousin Jonah came to visit. They both ran to it.

"I was first!" said Pia.

"No, I was!" said Jonah. They tugged the rope. The hammock wobbled.

Grandma came out with lemonade. She sat on the grass.

"That hammock is long," she said. "How many cousins fit?"

Pia looked at Jonah. Pia got in with her head at one end. Jonah got in with his head at the other end. Their feet met in the middle.

The hammock did not tip. Pia read. Jonah looked at the leaves. They giggled about toes.

"Two fit," said Grandma.

Questions

1. Where did the hammock hang?

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2. Why did the cousins tug the rope?

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3. What did Grandma bring?

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4. How did the cousins lie in the hammock?

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5. Why did Grandma ask how many cousins fit?

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Words to know

hammock: a bed made of cloth or net that hangs between two trees
wobbled: rocked from side to side in a shaky way
cousins: children of your aunt or uncle

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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Two Cousins, One Hammock

Triangle group

Grandma's yard had one hammock. It hung between two apple trees. When Pia and her cousin Jonah came to visit, they both ran for it.

"I was here first!" said Pia.

"No, I was!" said Jonah. They tugged on the rope. The hammock swayed and wobbled.

Grandma looked out the window. She did not shout. She came out with a glass of lemonade and sat on the grass.

"That hammock is long," she said. "I wonder how many cousins fit."

Pia looked at Jonah. Jonah looked at Pia. Slowly, Pia climbed in with her head at one end. Jonah climbed in with his head at the other end. Their feet met in the middle.

The hammock did not tip at all. Pia read her book. Jonah watched the leaves. Soon they were both giggling about whose toes smelled worse.

"Two fit," said Grandma.

Questions

1. Where did the hammock hang?

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2. Why did Pia and Jonah tug on the rope?

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3. What did Grandma bring out to the yard?

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4. How did the cousins lie in the hammock?

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5. Why did Grandma ask how many cousins fit?

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Words to know

hammock: a bed made of cloth or net that hangs between two trees
wobbled: rocked from side to side in a shaky way
cousins: children of your aunt or uncle
giggling: laughing in a silly, quiet way

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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Two Cousins, One Hammock

Square group

Grandma's yard contained exactly one hammock, which hung between two old apple trees. When Pia and her cousin Jonah arrived for a visit, they both sprinted straight toward it.

"I was here first!" declared Pia.

"No, I was!" Jonah protested. They tugged on the rope, and the hammock swayed and wobbled dangerously.

Grandma looked out of the kitchen window. She did not shout. Instead, she carried out a glass of lemonade and sat down on the grass.

"That hammock is quite long," she remarked. "I wonder how many cousins would fit inside."

Pia looked at Jonah, and Jonah looked at Pia. Slowly, Pia climbed in with her head at one end. Jonah climbed in with his head at the opposite end, and their feet met in the middle.

The hammock did not tip at all. Pia read her book while Jonah watched the leaves. Before long, they were both giggling about whose toes smelled worse.

"Two fit," said Grandma.

Questions

1. Where did the hammock hang in Grandma's yard?

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2. Why did Pia and Jonah tug on the rope?

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3. What did Grandma carry out to the yard?

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4. How did the cousins arrange themselves in the hammock?

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5. Why did Grandma wonder how many cousins would fit?

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Words to know

hammock: a bed made of cloth or net that hangs between two trees
wobbled: rocked from side to side in a shaky way
cousins: children of your aunt or uncle
giggling: laughing in a silly, quiet way

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: Two Cousins, One Hammock

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

Circle: Two Cousins, One Hammock

Easier · 110 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. Between two apple trees.
2. They both wanted the hammock.
3. Lemonade.
4. One had a head at each end.
5. She wanted them to see they could share.

Triangle: Two Cousins, One Hammock

This passage · 143 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. Between two apple trees.
2. They both wanted the hammock first.
3. A glass of lemonade.
4. Pia's head was at one end and Jonah's head was at the other end.
5. She wanted them to think of sharing and see that both could use it.

Square: Two Cousins, One Hammock

Harder · 159 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. Between two old apple trees.
2. They each wanted to use the hammock first.
3. A glass of lemonade.
4. Pia's head was at one end and Jonah's head was at the other end.
5. She hoped to help them see that sharing would let both of them enjoy it.