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# The Walrus Who Ran the Laundromat

Circle group

Wanda the walrus was tired of the cold sea. She packed a bag and moved to a small town.

She found a shop with a sign. It said "Laundromat." Wanda did not know that word. She thought it said "Lounge-a-mat." So she hung a sign, "Come take a nap!"

The next day, Mr. Fink came in with a basket of dirty socks.

"Where are the washers?" he asked.

Wanda blinked. "Where are the pillows?" she asked.

They looked around. Round machines sat in rows. Soap bubbles floated up.

Mr. Fink smiled. "I will show you." He taught Wanda the machines. Wanda taught him to float on his back. Soon the town came to wash and nap.

## Questions

**1. Why did Wanda leave the sea?**

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**2. What did Wanda think the sign said?**

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**3. What did Mr. Fink bring in a basket?**

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**4. What did Mr. Fink teach Wanda?**

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**5. Why did Wanda ask for pillows?**

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## Words to know

laundromat: a shop where people wash their clothes in machines
blinked: closed and opened your eyes fast
machines: tools with moving parts that do a job

## 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 Walrus Who Ran the Laundromat

Triangle group

Wanda the walrus got tired of the cold sea. She packed a suitcase and moved to a small town.

She found a shop with a sign that said "Laundromat." Wanda did not know what that was. She thought it said "Lounge-a-mat." So she hung a sign, "Come take a nap!"

The next day, Mr. Fink walked in with a basket of dirty socks.

"Where are the washers?" he asked.

Wanda blinked. "Where are the pillows?" she asked.

They both looked around. Rows of round machines sat on the floor. Soap bubbles floated in the air.

Mr. Fink smiled. "Let me show you." He taught Wanda how to use the machines, and Wanda taught him how to float on his back. Soon the whole town came to wash their clothes and enjoy a very clean nap.

## Questions

**1. Why did Wanda leave the cold sea?**

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**2. What did Wanda think the sign said?**

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**3. What did Mr. Fink bring in a basket?**

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**4. What did Mr. Fink teach Wanda to do?**

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**5. Why did Wanda ask where the pillows were?**

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## Words to know

laundromat: a shop where people wash their clothes in machines
suitcase: a bag you pack with clothes for a trip
blinked: closed and opened your eyes fast
machines: tools with moving parts that do a job

## 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 Walrus Who Ran the Laundromat

Square group

Wanda the walrus grew weary of the freezing sea, so she packed a suitcase and moved to a small, quiet town.

She discovered a shop with a sign that read "Laundromat." Wanda had never heard that word before. She believed it said "Lounge-a-mat," so she hung up her own sign that announced, "Come take a nap!"

The very next day, Mr. Fink wandered in carrying a basket of dirty socks.

"Where are the washers?" he asked.

Wanda blinked in confusion. "Where are the pillows?" she asked.

They both glanced around the room. Rows of round machines sat along the floor, and soap bubbles drifted through the air.

Mr. Fink smiled kindly. "Let me show you how it works." He taught Wanda to use the machines, and she taught him to float on his back. Before long, the whole town came to wash their clothes and enjoy a very clean nap.

## Questions

**1. Why did Wanda leave the freezing sea?**

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**2. What did Wanda believe the sign said?**

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**3. What was Mr. Fink carrying in his basket?**

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**4. What did Mr. Fink teach Wanda to do?**

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**5. Why did Wanda ask where the pillows were?**

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## Words to know

laundromat: a shop where people wash their clothes in machines
suitcase: a bag you pack with clothes for a trip
blinked: closed and opened your eyes fast
machines: tools with moving parts that do a job

## 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 Walrus Who Ran the Laundromat

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

### Circle: The Walrus Who Ran the Laundromat

Easier · 118 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. She was tired of the cold.
2. Lounge-a-mat.
3. Dirty socks.
4. How to use the washing machines.
5. She thought the shop was a place to nap.

### Triangle: The Walrus Who Ran the Laundromat

This passage · 137 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. She was tired of the cold.
2. Lounge-a-mat.
3. Dirty socks.
4. He taught her how to use the washing machines.
5. She thought the shop was a place for naps.

### Square: The Walrus Who Ran the Laundromat

Harder · 152 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. She grew weary of the cold.
2. Lounge-a-mat.
3. Dirty socks.
4. To use the washing machines.
5. She believed the shop was a place for taking naps.