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Why Dogs Wear Leashes at the Duck Pond

Circle group

At the duck pond in Ellis Park, a sign says dogs must be on a leash. Why is there a rule?

Dogs love to run and sniff. A dog might chase a duck. The dog does not mean harm. But the duck is scared. It might leave its nest. A leash keeps the dog close.

Not everyone loves dogs. A toddler may be afraid when a big dog runs up. A leash lets the owner stop the dog.

The rule is good for dogs, too. A dog on a leash cannot run into the road. Owners pick up after their pets. The grass stays clean.

Questions

1. What does the sign say?

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2. What might a dog chase at the pond?

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3. How might a toddler feel when a big dog runs up?

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4. What do owners do to keep the grass clean?

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5. How does a leash help the dog?

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Words to know

leash: a strap or rope that holds a dog close to its owner
owner: the person who takes care of a pet
toddler: a very young child who is just learning to walk

sniff: to smell something with short breaths

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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Why Dogs Wear Leashes at the Duck Pond

Triangle group

At the duck pond in Ellis Park, a sign says that dogs must be on a leash. Why does the town have this rule?

Dogs love to run and sniff. A dog might chase a duck without meaning any harm. The duck would be scared and might fly away from its nest. A leash keeps the dog close to its owner.

Not everyone in the park loves dogs. A toddler may feel afraid when a big dog runs up. A leash lets the owner stop the dog in time.

The leash rule is good for dogs, too. A dog on a leash cannot run into the road by mistake. Owners also pick up after their pets. That keeps the grass clean for the next family.

Questions

1. What does the sign at the duck pond say?

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2. What might a dog chase at the pond?

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3. How might a toddler feel if a big dog runs up?

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4. What do owners do to keep the grass clean?

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5. How does a leash help the dog itself?

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Words to know

leash: a strap or rope that holds a dog close to its owner
owner: the person who takes care of a pet
toddler: a very young child who is just learning to walk
sniff: to smell something with short breaths

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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Why Dogs Wear Leashes at the Duck Pond

Square group

At the duck pond in Ellis Park, a sign explains that dogs must be kept on a leash. Why does the town have this rule?

Dogs love to run and sniff everything they find. A dog might chase a duck without ever meaning to cause any harm, but the frightened duck could flee from its nest. A leash keeps the dog close beside its owner.

Not everyone in the park loves dogs, either. A toddler may feel very afraid when a large dog suddenly runs up, and a leash allows the owner to stop the dog in time.

The leash rule is good for dogs as well, since a dog on a leash cannot run into the road by mistake. In addition, owners pick up after their pets, which keeps the grass clean for the next family.

Questions

1. What does the sign at the duck pond explain?

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2. What might a dog chase at the pond?

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3. How might a toddler feel when a large dog suddenly runs up?

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4. What do owners do to keep the grass clean for the next family?

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5. In what way does a leash help the dog itself?

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Words to know

leash: a strap or rope that holds a dog close to its owner
owner: the person who takes care of a pet
toddler: a very young child who is just learning to walk
sniff: to smell something with short breaths

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: Why Dogs Wear Leashes at the Duck Pond

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

Circle: Why Dogs Wear Leashes at the Duck Pond

Easier · 105 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. Dogs must be on a leash.
2. A duck.
3. Afraid.
4. They pick up after their pets.
5. The dog cannot run into the road.

Triangle: Why Dogs Wear Leashes at the Duck Pond

This passage · 125 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. Dogs must be on a leash.
2. A duck.
3. Afraid.
4. They pick up after their pets.
5. The dog cannot run into the road by mistake.

Square: Why Dogs Wear Leashes at the Duck Pond

Harder · 137 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.9

1. That dogs must be kept on a leash.
2. A duck.
3. Very afraid.
4. They pick up after their pets.
5. The dog cannot run into the road by mistake.