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A Letter About Uncle Rudy's Sneeze

Circle group

Dear Bea,

You will not believe what happened at our house. Uncle Rudy sneezed on Sunday. It was not a little sneeze. It was the biggest sneeze on our street.

The sneeze blew his hat across the yard. It blew the curtains out the window like flags. It blew the pancakes off the table, and the dog's ears flapped back. Our cat slid on her belly to the door.

Then Uncle Rudy said, "Excuse me." We all said, "Bless you" at once, and it sounded like a choir.

His hat landed on the neighbor's roof. We had no ladder that tall. Mr. Park caught it with a long fishing pole.

Now Uncle Rudy ties his hat on with string when he feels a sneeze coming.

Write back soon!

Your cousin, Jo

Questions

1. Who is the letter written to?

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2. Who sneezed on Sunday?

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3. What did the sneeze do to the curtains?

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4. Where did the hat land?

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5. How did Mr. Park get the hat?

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6. What does Uncle Rudy do now when he feels a sneeze coming?

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7. How can you tell Jo is joking about the sneeze?

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Words to know

sneeze: a sudden loud blast of air through your nose
curtains: pieces of cloth that hang over a window
choir: a group of people who sing together
ladder: a set of steps for climbing up high

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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A Letter About Uncle Rudy's Sneeze

Triangle group

Dear Bea,

You will not believe what happened at our house. Uncle Rudy sneezed on Sunday. It was no little sneeze. It was the biggest sneeze our street has ever seen.

The sneeze blew his hat clear across the yard. It blew the curtains out the window like flags. It blew the pancakes off the table, and it made the dog's ears flap backward. Our cat slid across the floor on her belly all the way to the door.

Then Uncle Rudy said, "Excuse me." All of us said, "Bless you" at the same time, and it sounded like a choir.

His hat landed on the neighbor's roof. We had no ladder that tall. Mr. Park hooked it with a long fishing pole.

Now Uncle Rudy ties his hat on with string whenever he feels a sneeze coming.

Write back soon!

Your cousin, Jo

Questions

1. Who is the letter written to?

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2. Who sneezed on Sunday?

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3. What did the sneeze do to the curtains?

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4. Where did Uncle Rudy's hat land?

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5. How did Mr. Park get the hat down?

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6. What does Uncle Rudy do now when he feels a sneeze coming?

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7. How can you tell Jo is joking about the size of the sneeze?

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Words to know

sneeze: a sudden loud blast of air through your nose
curtains: pieces of cloth that hang over a window
choir: a group of people who sing together
ladder: a set of steps for climbing up high
hooked: caught with a bent tip

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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A Letter About Uncle Rudy's Sneeze

Square group

Dear Bea,

You will not believe what happened at our house. Uncle Rudy sneezed on Sunday, and it was no ordinary sneeze. It was the biggest sneeze our street has ever witnessed.

The sneeze blew his hat clear across the yard. It sent the curtains flapping out the window like flags. It blew the pancakes right off the table, and it made the dog's ears flap backward. Our cat slid across the kitchen floor on her belly all the way to the door.

Then Uncle Rudy said, "Excuse me." All of us said, "Bless you" at the same moment, and it sounded like a choir.

His hat landed on the neighbor's roof, and we had no ladder that tall. Fortunately, Mr. Park hooked it with a long fishing pole.

Now Uncle Rudy ties his hat on with string whenever he feels a sneeze coming.

Write back soon!

Your cousin, Jo

Questions

1. Who is the letter addressed to?

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2. Who sneezed on Sunday?

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3. What did the sneeze do to the curtains?

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4. Where did Uncle Rudy's hat land?

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5. How did Mr. Park manage to get the hat down?

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6. What does Uncle Rudy do whenever he feels a sneeze coming now?

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7. How can you tell that Jo is exaggerating about the sneeze?

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Words to know

sneeze: a sudden loud blast of air through your nose
curtains: pieces of cloth that hang over a window
choir: a group of people who sing together
ladder: a set of steps for climbing up high
hooked: caught with a bent tip

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: A Letter About Uncle Rudy's Sneeze

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

Circle: A Letter About Uncle Rudy's Sneeze

Easier · 131 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. Bea.
2. Uncle Rudy.
3. It blew them out the window like flags.
4. On the neighbor's roof.
5. He caught it with a long fishing pole.
6. He ties his hat on with string.
7. No real sneeze could blow curtains out a window and a hat onto a roof, so Jo made it bigger than real life.

Triangle: A Letter About Uncle Rudy's Sneeze

This passage · 144 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. Bea.
2. Uncle Rudy.
3. It blew them out the window like flags.
4. On the neighbor's roof.
5. He hooked it with a long fishing pole.
6. He ties his hat on with string.
7. A real sneeze could not blow curtains out a window and a hat onto a roof, so Jo is making it bigger than real life.

Square: A Letter About Uncle Rudy's Sneeze

Harder · 150 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. Bea.
2. Uncle Rudy.
3. It sent them flapping out the window like flags.
4. On the neighbor's roof.
5. He hooked it with a long fishing pole.
6. He ties his hat on with string.
7. A real sneeze could not blow curtains out a window or a hat onto a roof, so Jo is stretching the truth for fun.