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Gus and the Wrong Laundry Bag

Circle group

Gus took his laundry bag home. It felt lumpy. At home he dumped it on his bed. Out fell a red clown nose, two big shoes, and a rainbow wig.

"These are not my socks," said Gus.

He read the tag on the bag. It said "Pippa." Gus was not Pippa. He had the wrong bag!

Gus ran back to the laundromat. At the door he met a woman with a bag. She had found a plain blue shirt and a plain gray sock. "Where is my wig?" she asked.

"Are you Pippa?" asked Gus. They swapped bags and laughed. Pippa honked her red nose two times. "Your clothes are quiet," she said. "Mine are loud," said Gus. Next time, he said, he would check the tag.

Questions

1. What fell out of the lumpy bag?

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2. What name was on the tag?

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3. What did Pippa find in Gus's bag?

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4. Where did Gus meet Pippa?

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5. What did Gus say he would do next time?

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6. What job do you think Pippa has?

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Words to know

laundromat: a place where people wash clothes in big machines
tag: a small label that shows a name
plain: simple, with no bright colors or patterns
swapped: traded one thing for another

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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Gus and the Wrong Laundry Bag

Triangle group

Gus carried his laundry bag home from the laundromat. It felt lumpy and a little bit heavy, so he dumped it on his bed when he got home. Out tumbled a red clown nose, two giant shoes, and a rainbow wig.

"These are not my socks," said Gus.

He read the tag on the bag, and it said "Pippa." Gus was not Pippa, so he had taken the wrong bag!

Gus ran back to the laundromat with the bag bumping on his back. At the door he met a woman who was holding a bag of her own. She had pulled out a plain blue shirt and a plain gray sock, and she looked puzzled. "Where is my wig?" she asked.

"Are you Pippa?" asked Gus. They swapped bags and laughed. Pippa honked her red nose twice. "Your clothes are very quiet," she said. "Mine are very loud," said Gus. Next time, he promised, he would check the tag.

Questions

1. What came out of the lumpy bag?

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2. What name was on the tag?

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3. What did Pippa find in Gus's bag?

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4. Where did Gus and Pippa meet?

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5. What did Gus promise to do next time?

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6. What job do you think Pippa has?

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Words to know

laundromat: a place where people wash clothes in big machines
tumbled: fell out in a messy rolling way
tag: a small label that shows a name
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Talk together (every group has these)

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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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Gus and the Wrong Laundry Bag

Square group

Gus lugged his laundry bag home from the laundromat. It felt lumpy and slightly heavier than usual. Back in his bedroom, he dumped it onto the bed. Out tumbled a red clown nose, two enormous shoes, and a rainbow wig.

"These are definitely not my socks," said Gus.

He studied the tag on the bag. It said "Pippa." Gus was not Pippa. He had picked up the wrong bag!

Gus hurried back to the laundromat with the bag bumping against his back. At the door, he met a woman clutching a bag of her own. She had just pulled out a plain blue shirt and a plain gray sock. "Where is my wig?" she asked.

"Are you Pippa?" asked Gus. They swapped bags and laughed together. Pippa honked her red nose twice. "Your clothes are very quiet," she said. "Mine are very loud," said Gus. Next time, he promised, he would check the tag before leaving.

Questions

1. What tumbled out of the lumpy bag?

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2. What name was printed on the tag?

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3. What had the woman at the door found in Gus's bag?

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4. Where did Gus and Pippa finally meet?

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5. What did Gus promise to do next time before leaving?

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6. What kind of job do you think Pippa has, and why?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
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For the teacher: Gus and the Wrong Laundry Bag

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

Circle: Gus and the Wrong Laundry Bag

Easier · 127 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. A red clown nose, two big shoes, and a rainbow wig.
2. Pippa.
3. A plain blue shirt and a plain gray sock.
4. At the door of the laundromat.
5. Check the tag.
6. She is a clown, because her bag had a clown nose, big shoes, and a wig.

Triangle: Gus and the Wrong Laundry Bag

This passage · 159 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.8

1. A red clown nose, two giant shoes, and a rainbow wig.
2. Pippa.
3. A plain blue shirt and a plain gray sock.
4. At the door of the laundromat.
5. Check the tag on the bag.
6. She is a clown, because her bag held a clown nose, giant shoes, and a wig.

Square: Gus and the Wrong Laundry Bag

Harder · 156 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. A red clown nose, two enormous shoes, and a rainbow wig.
2. Pippa.
3. A plain blue shirt and a plain gray sock.
4. At the door of the laundromat.
5. Check the tag.
6. She is probably a clown, because her bag held a clown nose, enormous shoes, and a wig.