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The Hidden Pocket in the Fiddle Case

Circle group

Grandpa Eli gave Rosa his old fiddle. He gave her the worn black case too. It smelled of pine and lemon oil. Rosa practiced every day after school.

One rainy day, she shut the lid too hard. A strip of felt came loose. Behind it was a hidden pocket. In the pocket was a folded paper.

Rosa opened it. It had pencil notes on it. At the top were two words: "For Lena."

"It is a song," Rosa said. She could read the notes. She played it slowly. The tune was gentle, with a skipping part in the middle.

She ran downstairs. Grandpa Eli stood still. "I wrote that for your grandmother," he said. "I lost the paper years ago."

Rosa gave it to him. "Teach me the rest. I will play it for her."

Questions

1. What did Grandpa Eli give Rosa?

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2. How did Rosa find the pocket?

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3. What was at the top of the paper?

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4. What did Rosa do with the paper?

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5. Who is Lena?

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6. Why did Grandpa Eli stand still?

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Words to know

fiddle: another name for a violin
worn: old and a little rubbed from long use
felt: a soft, thick cloth made from pressed wool
tune: a group of musical notes that make a song
folded: bent over so one part lies on 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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The Hidden Pocket in the Fiddle Case

Triangle group

When Grandpa Eli gave Rosa his old fiddle, he gave her the worn black case too. It smelled like pine and lemon oil. Rosa practiced in her room every day after school.

One rainy afternoon, she shut the lid a little too hard. A strip of felt came loose inside. Behind it was a hidden pocket, and in the pocket lay a folded sheet of paper.

Rosa smoothed it open. It was covered in pencil notes and lines. At the top, in careful letters, were two words: "For Lena."

"That is a song," Rosa said to herself. She could read the notes, so she picked up the fiddle and played it slowly. The tune was gentle, with a skipping part in the middle.

She ran downstairs. Grandpa Eli stood still when he heard the music. "I wrote that for your grandmother," he said softly. "I lost the paper years ago."

Rosa handed it to him. "Now you can teach me the rest, and I can play it for her."

Questions

1. What did Grandpa Eli give to Rosa?

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2. How did Rosa find the hidden pocket?

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3. What was written at the top of the paper?

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4. What did Rosa do after she read the paper?

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5. Who do you think Lena is?

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6. Why did Grandpa Eli stand still when he heard the music?

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The Hidden Pocket in the Fiddle Case

Square group

When Grandpa Eli presented Rosa with his old fiddle, he included the worn black case as well. It carried the scent of pine and lemon oil. Rosa practiced in her bedroom every day after school.

One rainy afternoon, she closed the lid a little too forcefully, and a strip of felt came loose inside. Behind it was a hidden pocket, and tucked in the pocket lay a folded sheet of paper.

Rosa smoothed it open carefully. It was covered with penciled notes and staff lines, and at the top, in neat letters, were two words: "For Lena."

"It's a song," Rosa murmured. Because she could read music, she lifted the fiddle and played the melody slowly. The tune was gentle, with a skipping section in the middle.

She dashed downstairs, and Grandpa Eli froze when he heard the music. "I wrote that for your grandmother," he said softly. "I lost the paper years ago."

Rosa handed it to him. "Now you can teach me the rest, and I can play it for her."

Questions

1. What did Grandpa Eli give to Rosa?

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2. How did Rosa discover the hidden pocket?

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3. What two words were written at the top of the paper?

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4. What did Rosa do after she studied the notes?

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5. Who do you think Lena is?

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6. Why did Grandpa Eli freeze when he heard the music?

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For the teacher: The Hidden Pocket in the Fiddle Case

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

Circle: The Hidden Pocket in the Fiddle Case

Easier · 135 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. His old fiddle and its case.
2. She shut the lid hard, and a strip of felt came loose.
3. For Lena.
4. She played the song on the fiddle.
5. Rosa's grandmother, because Grandpa Eli wrote the song for her.
6. He was surprised to hear his lost song after many years.

Triangle: The Hidden Pocket in the Fiddle Case

This passage · 169 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.9

1. His old fiddle and its case.
2. She shut the lid hard and a strip of felt came loose.
3. For Lena.
4. She played the song on the fiddle.
5. Rosa's grandmother, because Grandpa Eli said he wrote it for her.
6. He was surprised to hear his lost song after so many years.

Square: The Hidden Pocket in the Fiddle Case

Harder · 173 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. His old fiddle and its worn black case.
2. She closed the lid too hard, and a strip of felt came loose.
3. For Lena.
4. She played the song slowly on the fiddle.
5. Rosa's grandmother, because Grandpa Eli said he wrote the song for her.
6. He was surprised to hear his lost song after so many years.