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How a Street Gets Its Name

Circle group

Every street needs a name. Builders plan a new neighborhood. They pick names and send them to the town. Town leaders look at the list.

Many streets are named for things nearby. A road by a river might be River Road. A street with maple trees might be Maple Lane. Some streets honor a person who helped the town.

Leaders check one rule. No two streets in a town can have the same name. A mail carrier could take a letter to the wrong house. A fire truck could go the wrong way.

When a name is chosen, workers put up a sign at each corner.

Questions

1. Who sends the list of names to the town?

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2. What might a street with maple trees be named?

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3. Who might a street honor?

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4. What rule do leaders check?

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5. Why must each street have its own name?

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6. What do workers do after a name is chosen?

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Words to know

neighborhood: a part of a town where people live near each other
builders: people who make houses and other buildings
honor: to show respect for someone or something
mail carrier: a worker who brings letters to homes

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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How a Street Gets Its Name

Triangle group

Every street in a town needs a name. When builders plan a new neighborhood, they pick names and send them to the town. Leaders in the town look at the list before anything is final.

Many streets are named for things people can see nearby. A road by a river might be River Road. A street with maple trees might be Maple Lane. Other streets honor a person who did good work for the town, or a place that matters to the people who live there.

Leaders check one rule carefully. Two streets in the same town should not have the same name. If they did, a mail carrier could take a letter to the wrong house. A fire truck could even go the wrong way.

Once a name is chosen, workers put up a sign at each corner. Then the new street is ready for visitors, mail and helpers.

Questions

1. Who sends a list of street names to the town?

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2. What might a street with maple trees be called?

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3. Besides things you can see, what else can a street name honor?

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4. What rule do leaders check carefully?

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5. Why would a fire truck need a street name that no other street has?

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6. What do workers do after a name is chosen?

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Words to know

neighborhood: a part of a town where people live near each other
builders: people who make houses and other buildings
honor: to show respect for someone or something
final: settled, with no more changes
mail carrier: a worker who brings letters to homes

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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How a Street Gets Its Name

Square group

Every street in a town needs a name. When builders design a new neighborhood, they choose names for its streets and submit them to the town. Town leaders review the list carefully before any name becomes final.

Many streets are named after features that people can see nearby. A road that follows a river might be called River Road, while a street lined with maple trees could be named Maple Lane. Other streets honor a person who did good work for the town, or a place that holds special meaning for the families who live there.

Leaders pay close attention to one important rule. No two streets in the same town should share a name. Otherwise, a mail carrier might deliver a letter to the wrong house, and a fire truck might even head in the wrong direction.

After a name has been chosen, workers install a sign at every corner, and the new street is ready for visitors, mail and emergency helpers.

Questions

1. Who submits a list of street names to the town?

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2. What might a street lined with maple trees be named?

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3. Besides nearby features, what else can a street name honor?

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4. Which rule do town leaders check carefully?

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5. Why could a repeated street name be a danger in an emergency?

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6. What do workers do after a name has been chosen?

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Words to know

neighborhood: a part of a town where people live near each other
builders: people who make houses and other buildings
honor: to show respect for someone or something
final: settled, with no more changes
mail carrier: a worker who brings letters to homes

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: How a Street Gets Its Name

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

Circle: How a Street Gets Its Name

Easier · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. The builders.
2. Maple Lane.
3. A person who helped the town.
4. No two streets can have the same name.
5. Helpers could go to the wrong place if two streets had one name.
6. They put up a sign at each corner.

Triangle: How a Street Gets Its Name

This passage · 150 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

1. The builders who plan the new neighborhood.
2. Maple Lane.
3. A person who did good work for the town, or an important place.
4. Two streets in the same town should not have the same name.
5. A street with a name all its own keeps helpers from going to the wrong place.
6. They put up a sign at each corner.

Square: How a Street Gets Its Name

Harder · 163 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 7.2

1. The builders who design the new neighborhood.
2. Maple Lane.
3. A person who did good work for the town, or a place with special meaning.
4. No two streets in the same town should share a name.
5. A fire truck might head to the wrong street and arrive late.
6. They install a sign at every corner.