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Quiet Hours on Maple Court

Circle group

Picture a drum set in a garage at midnight. The drummer may like it. The neighbors who want to sleep will not.

That is why many towns have quiet hours. These are times when people keep loud noise down. They are late at night and early in the morning. Each town picks its own hours.

Quiet hours help many people. Babies need a lot of sleep. Some workers sleep in the day because they work at night. Everyone does better after a good rest.

The rule does not mean whisper all day. In the daytime, kids can play. Neighbors can mow the lawn. The rule only asks for care at the right times.

You can ask a grown-up what the hours are. Being kind about noise makes you a good neighbor.

Questions

1. What are quiet hours?

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2. Are the hours the same in every town?

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3. Which workers may sleep in the day?

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4. Can kids play outside in the daytime?

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5. Why might a drummer play at noon and not at midnight?

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6. How can you find your town's quiet hours?

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Words to know

quiet hours: times when people should keep noise low
neighbors: people who live close to you
mow: to cut grass with a machine
rule: a statement about what people should or should not do

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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Triangle group

Imagine a drum set in a garage at midnight. It might sound great to the drummer. But it would not sound great to the neighbors who are trying to sleep.

That is why many towns have quiet hours. These are times, usually late at night and early in the morning, when people are asked to keep loud noise down. The exact hours are different in each town.

Quiet hours help many kinds of people. Babies and young children need a lot of sleep. Some workers sleep during the day because they work at night. Everyone does better at school and work after a good rest.

A quiet-hours rule does not mean people must whisper all day. During the daytime, kids can play, and neighbors can mow the lawn. The rule only asks for a little care at the right times.

If you are not sure what the hours are, you can read your town's rules or ask a grown-up. Being kind about noise is one way to be a good neighbor.

Questions

1. What are quiet hours?

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2. Are the hours the same in every town?

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3. Which workers might sleep during the day?

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4. Can kids play outside in the daytime under this rule?

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5. Why might a drummer practice at noon instead of midnight?

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6. How can you find out your town's quiet hours?

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Words to know

quiet hours: times when people should keep noise low
exact: just right, with no guessing
neighbors: people who live close to you
mow: to cut grass with a machine
rule: a statement about what people should or should not do

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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Quiet Hours on Maple Court

Square group

Imagine a full drum set being played in a garage at midnight. It might sound wonderful to the drummer, but it would not sound wonderful to the neighbors who are trying to fall asleep.

That is the reason many towns establish quiet hours. These are periods, usually late at night and early in the morning, when people are asked to keep loud noise to a minimum. The exact hours are different in each town.

Quiet hours benefit many kinds of people. Babies and young children need plenty of sleep, and some workers rest during the day because they work through the night. Everyone does better at school and at work after a good night of rest.

A quiet-hours rule does not mean that people must whisper all day long. During the daytime, children can play, and neighbors can mow their lawns. The rule simply asks for a little consideration at the right times.

If you are unsure about the hours, you can read your town's rules or ask a grown-up. Being thoughtful about noise is one way to be a good neighbor.

Questions

1. What are quiet hours?

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2. Are the exact hours the same in every town?

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3. Why do some workers rest during the day?

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4. Does the rule stop children from playing in the daytime?

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5. Why might a drummer choose to practice at noon instead of midnight?

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6. How could you find out the quiet hours in your town?

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Words to know

quiet hours: times when people should keep noise low
exact: just right, with no guessing
neighbors: people who live close to you
mow: to cut grass with a machine
rule: a statement about what people should or should not do

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: Quiet Hours on Maple Court

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

Circle: Quiet Hours on Maple Court

Easier · 132 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. Times late at night and early in the morning when people keep loud noise down.
2. No, each town picks its own hours.
3. Workers who work at night.
4. Yes, the rule only asks for care at certain times.
5. Noon is not a quiet hour, so no one is kept awake.
6. Ask a grown-up or read the town's rules.

Triangle: Quiet Hours on Maple Court

This passage · 173 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

1. Times, usually late at night and early in the morning, when people keep loud noise down.
2. No, the exact hours are different in each town.
3. Workers who work at night.
4. Yes, the rule only asks for care at certain times.
5. Noon is not during quiet hours, so the neighbors will not be kept awake.
6. Read your town's rules or ask a grown-up.

Square: Quiet Hours on Maple Court

Harder · 184 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.1

1. Periods, usually late at night and early in the morning, when people keep loud noise to a minimum.
2. No, the exact hours are different in each town.
3. Because they work through the night.
4. No, the rule only asks for consideration at certain times.
5. Noon is not during quiet hours, so the neighbors will not be kept awake.
6. Read the town's rules or ask a grown-up.