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The Dragon Who Hiccupped Bubbles

Circle group

Dragons in Cinder Valley are meant to breathe fire. But a small green dragon named Fennel was not like that. When she got the hiccups, she blew bubbles.

Soapy bubbles floated from her nose. Pop! Pop! They drifted over the village market. People laughed. Fennel felt shy. She hid in her cave.

One windy day, the baker's oven went out. Smoke filled the market. Nobody could see. The bakers coughed and called for help.

Fennel did not want to come out. Then she heard a little girl cry. She took a deep breath and blew hard. A big cloud of bubbles rolled over the market. The bubbles soaked up the smoke. They floated away over the hills.

"Thank you, Fennel!" shouted the villagers.

After that, when the oven smoked, someone would tap on her cave. They would say, "Hiccups, please?"

Questions

1. What did Fennel blow when she got the hiccups?

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2. Why did Fennel hide in her cave?

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3. What went wrong at the market?

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4. What made Fennel come out of her cave?

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5. What did the bubbles do to the smoke?

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6. How did Fennel feel about her bubbles at the end?

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Words to know

hiccups: quick little sounds your body makes by accident
drifted: moved slowly along with the air
villagers: people who live in a small town

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 Dragon Who Hiccupped Bubbles

Triangle group

Dragons in Cinder Valley are supposed to breathe fire. But a small green dragon named Fennel had a different problem. Whenever she got the hiccups, she blew bubbles.

Soapy bubbles floated out of her nose. Pop! Pop! They drifted over the village market, and people laughed. Fennel was embarrassed. She hid in her cave.

One windy afternoon, the baker's oven went out, and smoke filled the market. Nobody could see. The bakers coughed and called for help.

Fennel did not want to come out. Then she heard a little girl crying. She took a deep breath and blew with all her might. A huge cloud of bubbles rolled across the market. The bubbles soaked up the smoke and floated away over the hills.

"Thank you, Fennel!" shouted the villagers.

After that, whenever the oven smoked, someone would tap on her cave and say, "Hiccups, please?"

Questions

1. What did Fennel blow when she got the hiccups?

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2. Why did Fennel hide in her cave?

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3. What went wrong at the market?

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4. What made Fennel come out of her cave?

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5. What did the bubbles do to the smoke?

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6. How do you think Fennel felt about her bubbles at the end?

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Words to know

hiccups: quick little sounds your body makes by accident
embarrassed: feeling shy or silly in front of others
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The Dragon Who Hiccupped Bubbles

Square group

Dragons in Cinder Valley are supposed to breathe fire, but a small green dragon named Fennel had an entirely different problem. Whenever she got the hiccups, she blew bubbles instead of flames.

Shimmering soapy bubbles floated out of her nose. Pop! Pop! They drifted over the village market, and the shoppers burst out laughing. Fennel was so embarrassed that she hid in her cave for days.

One windy afternoon, the baker's oven went out, and thick smoke billowed through the market. Nobody could see a thing. The bakers coughed and shouted for help.

Fennel did not want to come out. Then she heard a little girl crying. She took a deep breath and blew with all her might. An enormous cloud of bubbles rolled across the market, soaked up the smoke, and floated off over the hills.

"Thank you, Fennel!" shouted the villagers.

After that, whenever the oven started to smoke, somebody would tap on her cave and politely ask, "Hiccups, please?"

Questions

1. What did Fennel blow instead of flames when she got the hiccups?

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2. Why did Fennel hide in her cave for days?

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3. What went wrong at the market?

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4. What made Fennel finally come out of her cave?

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5. What did the enormous cloud of bubbles do to the smoke?

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6. How do you think Fennel felt about her bubbles by the end?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Dragon Who Hiccupped Bubbles

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

Circle: The Dragon Who Hiccupped Bubbles

Easier · 140 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. Soapy bubbles.
2. She felt shy that she did not breathe fire.
3. The baker's oven went out and smoke filled the market.
4. She heard a little girl cry.
5. They soaked it up and floated away over the hills.
6. Proud, because they helped and she was thanked.

Triangle: The Dragon Who Hiccupped Bubbles

This passage · 145 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. Soapy bubbles.
2. She was embarrassed that she did not breathe fire.
3. The baker's oven went out and smoke filled the market.
4. She heard a little girl crying.
5. They soaked it up and floated away over the hills.
6. Proud, because they helped everyone and she was thanked.

Square: The Dragon Who Hiccupped Bubbles

Harder · 162 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5

1. Shimmering soapy bubbles.
2. She was embarrassed that she did not breathe fire.
3. The baker's oven went out and thick smoke billowed through the market.
4. She heard a little girl crying.
5. It soaked up the smoke and floated off over the hills.
6. Proud, because they helped everyone and the villagers thanked her.