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The Firefly Who Lost Her Glow

Circle group

One warm night, the meadow was full of blinking lights. All the fireflies were glowing. But not Lumi. She was new. Her tail stayed dark.

"Why can't I do it?" she asked an old firefly named Dot.

"I will try harder," Lumi said to herself. She shut her eyes. She wiggled and puffed. Nothing happened.

Dot laughed in a kind way. "A glow is not a thing you push. It comes when you are calm."

"But all of them are waiting for me," said Lumi.

"No one is waiting," said Dot. "Look. Each one is busy with a light."

So Lumi stopped trying. She sat on a blade of grass. She watched the moon rise over the hills. She heard the crickets sing. Her wings were still.

Then something warm flickered in her tail. It was small and yellow. It blinked once, then twice.

"There it is," Dot whispered.

Lumi smiled. Some things come when you stop pushing.

Questions

1. Which firefly could not glow?

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2. What did Lumi do when she tried harder?

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3. What did Dot say about a glow?

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4. What did Lumi watch from the grass?

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5. What color was Lumi's first glow?

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6. Why did Lumi think everyone was waiting for her?

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7. What lesson does the story teach?

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Words to know

meadow: a field of grass and wildflowers
glow: to shine with a soft light
calm: quiet and relaxed, not worried
flickered: shone with a light that goes on and off quickly
wiggled: moved with quick, small twists

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 Firefly Who Lost Her Glow

Triangle group

On a warm evening, the meadow filled with blinking lights. All the fireflies were glowing, except for Lumi. She was new, and her tail stayed dark.

"Why can't I do it?" she asked an old firefly named Dot.

"Try harder," said Lumi to herself. She squeezed her eyes shut. She wiggled and puffed. Still nothing happened.

Dot laughed kindly. "A glow is not something you push. It comes when you are calm."

"But everyone is waiting for me," said Lumi.

"No one is waiting," said Dot. "Look around. Everyone is busy with their own light."

So Lumi stopped trying. She sat on a blade of grass and watched the moon rise over the hills. She listened to the crickets sing. She felt her wings grow still.

Then something warm flickered in her tail. It was small and yellow. It blinked once, then twice.

"There it is," Dot whispered.

Lumi smiled. Some things only come when you stop pushing and let them grow.

Questions

1. Which firefly could not glow?

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2. What did Lumi do when she tried harder?

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3. What did Dot say a glow is like?

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4. What did Lumi watch while she sat on the grass?

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The Firefly Who Lost Her Glow

Square group

On a warm summer evening, the meadow filled with blinking lights as every firefly began to glow, every one except Lumi. She was new to the meadow, and her tail stubbornly stayed dark.

"Why can't I do it?" she asked an old firefly named Dot.

"I simply must try harder," Lumi told herself. She squeezed her eyes shut, wiggled her body, and puffed out her cheeks. Still, nothing happened.

Dot laughed kindly. "A glow is not something you can force. It arrives when you are calm."

"But everyone is waiting for me," said Lumi anxiously.

"No one is waiting," said Dot. "Look around you. Each firefly is busy with their own light."

So Lumi stopped trying altogether. She settled on a blade of grass and watched the moon climb over the hills. She listened to the crickets sing, and she felt her wings grow still.

Then something warm flickered in her tail. It was small and yellow, and it blinked once, then twice.

"There it is," Dot whispered.

Lumi smiled. Certain things only come when you stop pushing and allow them to grow.

Questions

1. Which firefly could not glow?

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3. What did Dot say about a glow?

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For the teacher: The Firefly Who Lost Her Glow

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

Circle: The Firefly Who Lost Her Glow

Easier · 158 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. Lumi.
2. She shut her eyes, wiggled, and puffed.
3. It is not a thing you push. It comes when you are calm.
4. The moon rising over the hills.
5. Small and yellow.
6. She felt worried and thought the others were watching.
7. Some things come when you relax and give them time.

Triangle: The Firefly Who Lost Her Glow

This passage · 162 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

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Square: The Firefly Who Lost Her Glow

Harder · 183 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.4

1. Lumi.
2. She squeezed her eyes shut, wiggled, and puffed out her cheeks.
3. It cannot be forced. It arrives when you are calm.
4. The moon climbing over the hills.
5. Small and yellow.
6. She felt anxious and believed the others were watching her.
7. Some things come when you relax and give them time.