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The Great Mustard Mix-Up

Circle group

Grandma Rose had a tea party. She set out cups, small cakes, and a jar of honey. Her honey jar and her mustard jar looked the same. Both were short and round, and both held something yellow.

Mr. Fenn, her neighbor, sat down. He took a big spoonful from a jar and put it in his tea. He took a sip. His eyebrows jumped up.

"Rose," he said kindly, "this is the boldest tea I ever had."

Grandma Rose tasted it and made a sour face. She had grabbed the mustard!

They laughed and laughed. Then Grandma Rose found a marker. On the honey jar she drew a bee. On the mustard jar she drew a hot dog.

"Now we will not mix them up," she said. Mr. Fenn drank a new cup with honey. "Much better," he said.

Questions

1. What did Grandma Rose have?

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2. Why did the jars look the same?

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3. What did Mr. Fenn put in his tea?

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4. What did his eyebrows do?

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5. How did Grandma Rose stop a new mix-up?

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6. Why did Mr. Fenn say the tea was bold?

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Words to know

mustard: a sharp, yellow sauce that goes on hot dogs
honey: a sweet, sticky food made by bees
bold: very strong and not shy
marker: a pen with a thick tip for drawing and writing

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 Great Mustard Mix-Up

Triangle group

Grandma Rose was having a tea party. She set out cups, tiny cakes, and a jar of honey. Her honey jar and her mustard jar looked just alike. Both were short and round, and both held something yellow.

Mr. Fenn, her neighbor, sat down. He took a big spoonful from a jar and stirred it into his tea. He took a sip. His eyebrows jumped up to the top of his head.

"Rose," he said politely, "this is the boldest tea I have ever had."

Grandma Rose tasted it and made a face like a squished prune. She had grabbed the mustard!

They laughed until their cups wobbled. Then Grandma Rose found a marker. On the honey jar she drew a bee. On the mustard jar she drew a hot dog.

"Now we will never mix them up again," she said. Mr. Fenn drank a fresh cup with real honey. "Much better," he said.

Questions

1. What was Grandma Rose having?

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2. Why did the two jars look alike?

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3. What did Mr. Fenn stir into his tea?

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4. What did Mr. Fenn's eyebrows do after his sip?

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5. How did Grandma Rose make sure it would not happen again?

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6. Why did Mr. Fenn say the tea was bold instead of saying it was awful?

Words to know

mustard: a sharp, yellow sauce that goes on hot dogs
honey: a sweet, sticky food made by bees
politely: in a kind and well-mannered way
bold: very strong and not shy
marker: a pen with a thick tip for drawing and writing

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The Great Mustard Mix-Up

Square group

Grandma Rose was hosting a tea party. She arranged cups, tiny cakes, and a jar of honey on the table. Unfortunately, her honey jar and her mustard jar looked nearly identical. Both were short and round, and both held something yellow.

Mr. Fenn, her neighbor, sat down and scooped a big spoonful from one of the jars into his tea. He took a sip, and his eyebrows jumped to the top of his head.

"Rose," he said politely, "this is the boldest tea I have ever had."

Grandma Rose tasted it and made a face like a squished prune. She had grabbed the mustard by mistake!

They laughed until their cups wobbled. Then Grandma Rose found a marker. On the honey jar she drew a bee, and on the mustard jar she drew a hot dog.

"Now we will never confuse them again," she declared. Mr. Fenn poured a fresh cup with real honey. "Much better," he said.

Questions

1. What was Grandma Rose hosting?

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2. Why were the two jars so easy to confuse?

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3. What did Mr. Fenn scoop into his tea?

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4. What did Mr. Fenn's eyebrows do after his sip?

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5. How did Grandma Rose make sure the jars would never be confused again?

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6. Why did Mr. Fenn call the tea bold instead of saying it tasted awful?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Great Mustard Mix-Up

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

Circle: The Great Mustard Mix-Up

Easier · 139 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. A tea party.
2. Both were short and round, and both held something yellow.
3. A big spoonful of mustard.
4. They jumped up.
5. She drew a bee on the honey jar and a hot dog on the mustard jar.
6. He was being kind and polite to his friend.

Triangle: The Great Mustard Mix-Up

This passage · 154 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. A tea party.
2. Both were short and round, and both held something yellow.
3. A big spoonful of mustard.
4. They jumped up to the top of his head.
5. She drew a bee on the honey jar and a hot dog on the mustard jar.
6. He was being polite to his friend.

Square: The Great Mustard Mix-Up

Harder · 158 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.7

1. A tea party.
2. Both were short and round, and both held something yellow.
3. A big spoonful of mustard.
4. They jumped to the top of his head.
5. She drew a bee on the honey jar and a hot dog on the mustard jar.
6. He was being polite so he would not hurt his friend's feelings.