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The Library Book in the Bathtub

Circle group

Jules borrowed a book about sharks from his friend Wren. It was her favorite. The cover was soft from being read so much.

One night, Jules read it in the bathroom. His elbow bumped the tub. Splash! The book fell into the water.

Jules pulled it out fast. The pages were fat and wavy. The shark on the cover looked like it swam in a wobbly sea.

He did not tell Wren. He hid the book under his bed for three days. At school, his stomach hurt when she smiled at him.

On the fourth day, he gave up. "Wren, I have to tell you something," he said. His voice shook. He held out the wet book.

Wren looked at it. Jules waited for her to be mad.

"It looks like the ocean," she said. "It has waves now."

"I am so sorry," said Jules. "I will buy you a new one."

"You can," said Wren. "But I want this one, too. Let's put paper towels between the pages. Then we stack heavy books on top."

They worked all afternoon. The pages did not go flat. Wren did not mind. Jules was glad he told her.

Questions

1. What was the book about?

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2. How did the book fall in the water?

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3. How long did Jules hide the book?

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4. What did Wren say the wavy book looked like?

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5. Why did Jules feel sick when Wren smiled?

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6. What showed that Wren cared more about Jules than the book?

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Words to know

borrowed: took something to use and planned to give it back
wavy: bending up and down in curves
wobbly: shaking from side to side
stack: to put things in a pile, one on top of another

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 Library Book in the Bathtub

Triangle group

Jules had borrowed a book about sharks from his friend Wren. It was her favorite book, and the cover was soft from being read so many times.

One night, Jules read it in the bathroom. His elbow bumped the edge of the tub. Splash! The book fell into a few inches of water.

Jules pulled it out fast. The pages were fat and wavy. The shark on the cover looked like it was swimming in a wobbly sea.

He did not tell Wren. He hid the book under his bed for three days. At school, his stomach hurt every time she smiled at him.

On the fourth day, he gave up. "Wren, I have to tell you something," he said, and his voice shook. He held out the wet book.

Wren turned it over slowly. Jules waited for her to be angry.

"It looks like the ocean," she said. "It has waves now."

"I am so sorry," Jules said. "I will buy you a new one with my allowance."

"You can," said Wren, "but I think I want this one, too. Let's put paper towels between the pages and stack heavy books on top."

They worked all afternoon. The pages never went completely flat, but Wren did not mind. Jules was glad he had finally told her.

Questions

1. What was the book about?

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2. How did the book end up in the water?

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3. How long did Jules hide the book under his bed?

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4. What did Wren say the wavy book looked like?

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5. Why did Jules feel sick when Wren smiled at him?

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6. What did Wren do that showed she cared more about Jules than the book?

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Words to know

borrowed: took something to use and planned to give it back
wavy: bending up and down in curves
wobbly: shaking from side to side
allowance: money a child gets to spend or save
stack: to put things in a pile, one on top of another

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 Library Book in the Bathtub

Square group

Jules had borrowed a book about sharks from his friend Wren. It was her absolute favorite, and the cover had grown soft from being read so many times.

One evening, Jules was reading it in the bathroom when his elbow bumped the edge of the tub. Splash! The book tumbled into a few inches of water.

He snatched it out immediately, but the pages had swollen and turned wavy. The shark on the cover looked as though it were swimming through a wobbly sea.

Jules did not tell Wren. Instead, he hid the book under his bed for three whole days. At school, his stomach ached every time she smiled at him.

On the fourth day, he finally gave up. "Wren, I have to tell you something," he said, and his voice trembled. He held out the soggy book.

Wren turned it over slowly while Jules waited for her to be furious.

"It looks like the ocean," she said. "It has waves now."

"I am so sorry," Jules said. "I will buy you a brand new one with my allowance."

"You can," said Wren, "but I think I want to keep this one, too. Let's put paper towels between the pages and stack some heavy books on top."

They worked together all afternoon. The pages never became completely flat, but Wren did not mind, and Jules was relieved that he had finally told her the truth.

Questions

1. What was the subject of the book that Jules borrowed?

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2. How did the book end up in the water?

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3. For how long did Jules hide the book under his bed?

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4. What did Wren say the wavy book looked like?

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5. Why did Jules feel a stomachache whenever Wren smiled at him?

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6. What did Wren do that showed she valued her friend more than the book?

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Words to know

borrowed: took something to use and planned to give it back
wavy: bending up and down in curves
wobbly: shaking from side to side
allowance: money a child gets to spend or save
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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: The Library Book in the Bathtub

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

Circle: The Library Book in the Bathtub

Easier · 196 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. Sharks.
2. Jules bumped the tub with his elbow.
3. Three days.
4. The ocean.
5. He felt guilty because he had not told her about the book.
6. She was not mad and she helped him dry the pages.

Triangle: The Library Book in the Bathtub

This passage · 217 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. Sharks.
2. Jules bumped the edge of the tub and it fell in.
3. Three days.
4. The ocean.
5. He felt guilty because he had not told her about the book.
6. She did not get angry and helped him dry the pages.

Square: The Library Book in the Bathtub

Harder · 236 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. Sharks.
2. Jules bumped the edge of the tub with his elbow and it tumbled in.
3. Three days.
4. The ocean.
5. He felt guilty because he had kept the damaged book a secret.
6. She was not angry, and she helped him dry the pages.