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The Pencil That Drew Lost Things

Circle group

Ivo found a short pencil in his coat pocket. It had stripes. It had a worn pink eraser and a sharp tip.

At first he drew a cat. The cat did not move. Then he drew a circle for a lost button. The circle began to glow. The pencil pulled his hand across the page. A line ran off the paper and onto the floor.

Ivo followed the glowing line. It went under the couch. There was the button, covered in dust.

The pencil worked every time. It found a missing sock and a library card. It even found his sister's tooth, which she saved in a tiny box.

But the pencil got shorter. Each drawing used up a bit of lead.

On the last day, Ivo drew the dog's favorite ball. He found it. Then he put the stubby pencil on his shelf. "Thank you for all your help," he said.

Questions

1. Where did Ivo find the pencil?

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2. What did the glowing line lead Ivo to first?

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3. What are two other things the pencil helped find?

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4. Why did the pencil get shorter?

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5. What did Ivo find on the last day?

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6. Why did Ivo put the stubby pencil on a shelf?

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Words to know

eraser: a small rubber piece that rubs out pencil marks
glow: to shine with a soft light
stubby: short and thick

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 Pencil That Drew Lost Things

Triangle group

Ivo found a short, striped pencil in the pocket of his coat. It had a worn pink eraser and a very sharp tip.

At first he drew a cat, but the cat did not move. Then he drew a circle for a lost button. The circle began to glow. The pencil pulled his hand across the page, and a line led off the paper and onto the floor.

Ivo followed the glowing line. It went under the couch, and there lay the button, covered in dust.

The pencil worked every time. It found a missing sock, a library card, and even his sister's tooth, which she had saved in a tiny box.

But the pencil kept getting shorter. Each drawing used up a little more of the lead.

On the last day, Ivo drew one thing: the dog's favorite ball. When he found it, he set the stubby pencil on his shelf. "Thank you," he said, "for all your help."

Questions

1. Where did Ivo find the pencil?

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2. What did the glowing line lead Ivo to first?

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3. What are two other things the pencil helped find?

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4. Why did the pencil keep getting shorter?

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5. What did Ivo find on the last day?

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6. Why did Ivo put the stubby pencil on a shelf at the end?

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Words to know

striped: marked with long lines of color
eraser: a small rubber piece that rubs out pencil marks
glow: to shine with a soft light
stubby: short and thick

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 Pencil That Drew Lost Things

Square group

Ivo discovered a short, striped pencil tucked in the pocket of his winter coat. It had a worn pink eraser and an extremely sharp tip.

At first he drew a cat, but the cat just sat there on the page. Then he sketched a circle to stand for a lost button, and the circle began to glow. The pencil tugged his hand across the paper, and a shining line led off the page and across the floor.

Ivo followed the glowing line under the couch, and there lay the button, covered in a layer of dust.

The pencil worked every single time. It found a missing sock, a library card, and even his sister's tooth, which she had saved in a tiny box.

Unfortunately, the pencil kept getting shorter, because each drawing used up a little more of the lead.

On the last day, Ivo drew just one thing: the dog's favorite ball. After he found it, he placed the stubby pencil carefully on his shelf. "Thank you," he said, "for all of your help."

Questions

1. Where did Ivo discover the pencil?

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2. What did the shining line lead Ivo to first?

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3. What are two other things the pencil helped him find?

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4. Why did the pencil keep getting shorter?

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5. What did Ivo find with the pencil on the last day?

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6. Why did Ivo carefully place the stubby pencil on his shelf?

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Words to know

striped: marked with long lines of color
eraser: a small rubber piece that rubs out pencil marks
glow: to shine with a soft light
stubby: short and thick

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 Pencil That Drew Lost Things

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

Circle: The Pencil That Drew Lost Things

Easier · 152 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. In his coat pocket.
2. A lost button under the couch.
3. A sock, a library card, or his sister's tooth.
4. Each drawing used up some of the lead.
5. The dog's favorite ball.
6. It was nearly used up, so he kept it to remember its help.

Triangle: The Pencil That Drew Lost Things

This passage · 160 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. In the pocket of his coat.
2. A lost button under the couch.
3. A sock, a library card, or his sister's tooth.
4. Each drawing used up some of the lead.
5. The dog's favorite ball.
6. It was nearly used up, so he kept it to remember its help.

Square: The Pencil That Drew Lost Things

Harder · 175 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.5

1. Tucked in the pocket of his winter coat.
2. A lost button under the couch.
3. A missing sock, a library card, or his sister's tooth.
4. Each drawing used up a little more of the lead.
5. The dog's favorite ball.
6. It was almost used up, so he kept it to remember how much it had helped.