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The Pickle That Got the Hiccups

Circle group

Mr. Dill had a pickle in a jar. The jar sat on a shelf. One day the jar went "hic." Then it went "hic" again. The pickle had the hiccups!

Each hic made the lid hop. The jar jumped close to the edge. Mr. Dill caught it.

"Hold your breath," he said to the pickle. But a pickle has no nose. "Drink some water," he said. But the pickle was in juice.

Then Mr. Dill went behind the jar. "BOO!" he yelled.

The jar went quiet. Mr. Dill was glad. Then a jar of olives on the next shelf said, "Hic."

Questions

1. Where was the pickle?

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2. What did the lid do at each hic?

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3. What did Mr. Dill say first?

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4. Why was the water idea no good?

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5. How did Mr. Dill stop the hiccups?

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6. What might Mr. Dill have to do next?

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Words to know

hiccups: sudden little jumps in your chest that make a hic sound

pickle: a cucumber soaked in salty or sour juice

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 Pickle That Got the Hiccups

Triangle group

Mr. Dill kept one fat pickle in a jar on his kitchen shelf. One morning the jar went "hic," and then it went "hic" again. Mr. Dill looked closer and saw that the pickle had the hiccups!

Each hic made the lid hop up and down, and the jar bounced toward the edge of the shelf. Mr. Dill caught it just in time.

"Hold your breath," he told the pickle. But a pickle has no nose, so that did not work. "Drink some water," he said. But the pickle already sat in a jar of juice, so that did not work either.

Then Mr. Dill tiptoed behind the jar and shouted, "BOO!"

The jar gave one last hic and went quiet. Mr. Dill sighed with relief. Then, from the next shelf, a jar of olives said, "Hic."

Questions

1. Where did Mr. Dill keep the pickle?

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2. What did the lid do each time the pickle hiccuped?

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3. What was the first cure Mr. Dill tried?

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4. Why did the water idea not work?

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5. How did Mr. Dill finally stop the hiccups?

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6. What do you think Mr. Dill will have to do next?

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Words to know

hiccups: sudden little jumps in your chest that make a hic sound
bounced: jumped up and down again and again
tiptoed: walked quietly on the tips of your toes
relief: the good feeling when a worry goes away
pickle: a cucumber soaked in salty or sour juice

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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The Pickle That Got the Hiccups

Square group

Mr. Dill kept one plump pickle in a glass jar on his kitchen shelf. One morning, the jar suddenly went "hic." A moment later, it went "hic" again. Mr. Dill leaned in and stared. The pickle had the hiccups!

Every hic made the lid hop up and down, and the jar bounced steadily toward the edge of the shelf. Mr. Dill caught it just before it fell.

"Hold your breath," he advised the pickle. Unfortunately, a pickle has no nose, so that plan failed. "Try drinking some water," he suggested. However, the pickle already floated in a jar full of juice, so that plan failed as well.

At last, Mr. Dill tiptoed quietly behind the jar and shouted, "BOO!"

The jar gave one final hic and fell silent. Mr. Dill sighed with relief. Then, from the next shelf over, a jar of olives said, "Hic."

Questions

1. Where did Mr. Dill keep his plump pickle?

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2. What did the lid do every time the pickle hiccuped?

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3. What was the first cure Mr. Dill advised?

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4. Why did the suggestion to drink water fail?

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5. How did Mr. Dill finally put an end to the hiccups?

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6. What problem will Mr. Dill probably have to solve next?

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Words to know

hiccups: sudden little jumps in your chest that make a hic sound
bounced: jumped up and down again and again
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Talk together (every group has these)

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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: The Pickle That Got the Hiccups

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

Circle: The Pickle That Got the Hiccups

Easier · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. In a jar on a shelf.
2. It hopped.
3. Hold your breath.
4. The pickle was in juice already.
5. He yelled BOO to scare the pickle.
6. Help the olives, because now they have the hiccups.

Triangle: The Pickle That Got the Hiccups

This passage · 137 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. In a jar on his kitchen shelf.
2. It hopped up and down.
3. He told the pickle to hold its breath.
4. The pickle already sat in a jar of juice.
5. He sneaked up and shouted BOO to give the pickle a scare.
6. Find a cure for the olives, because now they have the hiccups.

Square: The Pickle That Got the Hiccups

Harder · 145 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. In a glass jar on his kitchen shelf.
2. It hopped up and down.
3. He told the pickle to hold its breath.
4. The pickle already floated in a jar full of juice.
5. He tiptoed behind the jar and shouted BOO to scare the pickle.
6. He will need a cure for the olives, since they now have the hiccups.