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A Kite on the Wrong Roof

Circle group

On a windy day, Samir's red dragon kite broke its string. It flew over the fence. He ran down Willow Street. The kite landed on the roof of a yellow house on the corner. He did not know the family there. He could not climb up to get it.

Samir sat on the curb. He felt sad. Then he saw a ladder in the yard. But he knew asking was better than taking without permission.

He walked up the path and knocked. A tall woman came to the door. "I am Mrs. Delgado," she said. "Are you looking for something?"

Samir told her about the kite. She said a child must not climb on a roof. But she had a better idea. She brought a long, light pole with a hook. It was for hanging flower baskets.

She stood on the grass and lifted the string. The kite slid down into Samir's hands.

"Thank you!" he said. She smiled. "Next time, add a longer tail. A heavy tail keeps a kite steady."

The next weekend, Samir came back with a new tail and a thank-you drawing.

Questions

1. What did Samir's kite look like?

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2. Where did the kite land?

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3. What did Mrs. Delgado use to get the kite?

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4. What advice did she give?

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5. Why did Samir knock instead of using the ladder?

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6. Why did Mrs. Delgado not let him climb?

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Words to know

curb: the stone edge along the side of a street
permission: a yes from someone who is allowed to give it

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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A Kite on the Wrong Roof

Triangle group

On a breezy afternoon, Samir's red dragon kite snapped its string and sailed over the fence. He chased it down Willow Street and watched it settle on the roof of a yellow house at the corner. He did not know the family who lived there, and he had no idea how to climb up for it.

Samir sat on the curb, feeling sad. Then he noticed a ladder lying in the neighbor's yard, but he knew that asking was better than borrowing without permission.

He walked up the path and knocked. A tall woman answered. "I am Mrs. Delgado," she said. "Are you looking for something?"

Samir explained about the kite. Mrs. Delgado said she would not let a child climb on a roof, but she had a better idea. She fetched a long, light pole with a hook, usually used for hanging flower baskets.

Standing on the grass, she reached carefully and lifted the string. The kite slid off and floated down into Samir's hands.

"Thank you!" he said. Mrs. Delgado smiled. "Next time, tie a longer tail on it. A heavier tail keeps a kite steady."

The next weekend, Samir returned with a new tail and a thank-you drawing of the yellow house.

Questions

1. What did Samir's kite look like?

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2. Where did the kite land?

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3. What tool did Mrs. Delgado use to get the kite?

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4. What advice did Mrs. Delgado give about the kite?

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5. Why did Samir knock instead of using the ladder?

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6. Why did Mrs. Delgado not let Samir climb?

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Words to know

breezy: having a light, steady wind
curb: the stone edge along the side of a street
permission: a yes from someone who is allowed to give it
fetched: went and brought back

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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A Kite on the Wrong Roof

Square group

On a breezy afternoon, Samir's red dragon kite snapped its string and sailed straight over the fence. He chased it down Willow Street and watched it settle on the roof of a yellow house on the corner. He did not know the family who lived there, and he had no idea how he could climb up to retrieve it.

Samir sat on the curb, feeling dejected. Then he noticed a ladder lying in the neighbor's yard, yet he understood that asking was far better than borrowing without permission.

He walked up the path and knocked on the door. A tall woman answered. "I am Mrs. Delgado," she said. "Are you looking for something?"

Samir explained about the kite. Mrs. Delgado said that she would never allow a child to climb onto a roof, but she had a better idea. She fetched a long, lightweight pole with a hook on the end, which she normally used for hanging flower baskets.

Standing safely on the grass, she reached up carefully and lifted the string. The kite slid off the roof and floated gently down into Samir's hands.

"Thank you so much!" he said. Mrs. Delgado smiled. "Next time, tie on a longer tail. A heavier tail helps a kite stay steady."

The following weekend, Samir returned with a new tail and a thank-you drawing of the yellow house.

Questions

1. What kind of kite did Samir lose?

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2. Where did the kite come to rest?

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3. What tool did Mrs. Delgado use to rescue the kite?

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4. What advice did Mrs. Delgado offer about the kite?

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5. Why did Samir knock instead of borrowing the ladder?

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6. Why would Mrs. Delgado not let Samir climb onto the roof?

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Words to know

breezy: having a light, steady wind
curb: the stone edge along the side of a street
permission: a yes from someone who is allowed to give it
fetched: went and brought back

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: A Kite on the Wrong Roof

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

Circle: A Kite on the Wrong Roof

Easier · 187 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. It was a red dragon kite.
2. On the roof of a yellow house.
3. A long, light pole with a hook.
4. To add a longer tail to keep the kite steady.
5. Asking is better than taking without permission.
6. A roof is not a safe place for a child.

Triangle: A Kite on the Wrong Roof

This passage · 206 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.1

1. It was a red dragon kite.
2. On the roof of a yellow house at the corner.
3. A long, light pole with a hook.
4. To tie on a longer tail to keep it steady.
5. He knew it was better to ask permission than to borrow without asking.
6. Climbing on a roof is not safe for a child.

Square: A Kite on the Wrong Roof

Harder · 227 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.9

1. A red dragon kite.
2. On the roof of a yellow house on the corner.
3. A long, lightweight pole with a hook.
4. To tie on a longer tail, which helps a kite stay steady.
5. He understood that asking is better than borrowing without permission.
6. Climbing on a roof is not safe for a child.