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Biscuit and the Missing Shoes

Circle group

Every morning, the Rivera family had the same problem. Someone could not find a shoe. On Monday, Dad's left sneaker was gone. On Tuesday, it was one of Lucia's rain boots. On Wednesday, a slipper vanished. Mom said she was starting to think the house had a ghost.

Lucia decided to solve the mystery. That night, she sat on the stairs with a flashlight. After a while, she heard soft steps. It was Biscuit, the family's dog. He picked up a sandal by the front door. He trotted down the hall and slipped behind the couch.

Lucia crept after him. Behind the couch was a cozy pile of shoes. Biscuit was circling on top of it like a bird in a nest.

"So you are the shoe thief," Lucia whispered. Biscuit wagged his tail.

The next day, Lucia gave Biscuit a basket of his own and filled it with old stuffed toys. From then on, Biscuit took the toys to the basket. The shoes stayed by the door.

Questions

1. What problem did the Rivera family have every morning?

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2. What did Mom think might be happening?

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3. How did Lucia solve the mystery?

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4. Where were the shoes hiding?

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5. Why did Lucia give Biscuit a basket of toys?

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6. Why was Biscuit wagging his tail when Lucia found him?

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Words to know

mystery: something strange that nobody can explain at first
vanished: disappeared suddenly
trotted: moved at a steady quick walk
cozy: warm, soft, and comfortable

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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Triangle group

Every morning, the Rivera family had the same problem. Someone could not find a shoe. On Monday, Dad's left sneaker disappeared. On Tuesday, it was one of Lucia's rain boots. On Wednesday, a slipper vanished, and Mom said she was starting to think the house had a ghost.

Lucia decided to solve the mystery. That night, she sat quietly on the stairs with a flashlight. After a while, she heard soft padding on the floor. It was Biscuit, the family's dog. He picked up a sandal by the front door, trotted down the hall, and slipped behind the couch.

Lucia crept after him. Behind the couch was a cozy pile of shoes, and Biscuit was circling on top of it like a bird in a nest.

"So you are the shoe thief," Lucia whispered. Biscuit wagged his tail.

The next day, Lucia gave Biscuit a basket of his own and filled it with old stuffed toys. From then on, Biscuit carried the toys to the basket instead, and the shoes stayed by the door.

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Biscuit and the Missing Shoes

Square group

Every morning, the Rivera family faced the same frustrating problem. Somebody could not find a shoe. On Monday, Dad's left sneaker disappeared. On Tuesday, it was one of Lucia's rain boots. On Wednesday, a slipper vanished without a trace, and Mom declared that she was beginning to suspect the house had a ghost.

Lucia decided to solve the mystery. That night, she sat quietly on the staircase with a flashlight. After a while, she heard soft padding across the floor. It was Biscuit, the family's dog. He picked up a sandal near the front door, trotted down the hall, and slipped behind the couch.

Lucia crept after him. Behind the couch was a cozy heap of shoes, and Biscuit was circling on top of it like a bird settling into a nest.

"So you are the shoe thief," Lucia whispered. Biscuit wagged his tail happily.

The next day, Lucia gave Biscuit a basket of his own and filled it with old stuffed toys. From then on, Biscuit carried the toys to the basket instead, and the shoes remained by the door.

Questions

1. What frustrating problem did the Rivera family face every morning?

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2. What did Mom suspect might be happening?

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3. How did Lucia solve the mystery?

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4. Where were the shoes hiding?

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5. Why did Lucia give Biscuit a basket of his own toys?

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For the teacher: Biscuit and the Missing Shoes

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

Circle: Biscuit and the Missing Shoes

Easier · 168 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. Someone could not find a shoe.
2. That the house had a ghost.
3. She sat on the stairs at night with a flashlight and watched.
4. In a pile behind the couch.
5. So he would have his own things to carry and rest on, and leave the shoes alone.
6. He was happy. He did not know he had done anything wrong.

Triangle: Biscuit and the Missing Shoes

This passage · 174 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.5

1. Someone could not find a shoe.
2. That the house had a ghost.
3. She sat on the stairs at night with a flashlight and watched.
4. In a pile behind the couch.
5. She wanted him to have his own things to carry and rest on, so he would leave the shoes alone.
6. He was happy and not worried, because he did not know he had done anything wrong.

Square: Biscuit and the Missing Shoes

Harder · 181 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.4

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2. That the house had a ghost.
3. She sat quietly on the staircase at night with a flashlight and watched.
4. In a heap behind the couch.
5. She wanted him to have his own things to carry and rest on, so he would leave the shoes alone.
6. He was happy and unworried, because he did not know he had done anything wrong.