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Grandpa Orrin's Lighthouse Snore

Circle group

When my grandpa Orrin kept the lighthouse at Gull Point, he snored so loudly that fish popped up to see what was wrong. Some folks say the sound rolled across the bay like thunder. I say it was louder.

One foggy night, the lighthouse bulb burned out. Grandpa Orrin went to bed feeling blue. Ships would not see the light. He pulled up his quilt and fell asleep anyway.

Out on the water, Captain Marsh steered her little boat through the fog. She could not see a thing. Then she heard a deep, rumbling *HONK-shoo, HONK-shoo* from the shore.

"That is no foghorn," she said. "But it is the best sound ever."

She steered toward the snore. The boat slid past the rocks and landed softly at the dock. Captain Marsh climbed the stairs. She found Grandpa Orrin snoring with his mouth open and his socks on.

In the morning, she thanked him with a basket of blueberry muffins. Grandpa Orrin blinked. "I only sleep," he said.

"Keep doing it," she said.

After that, on every foggy night, the whole coast listened for Grandpa Orrin's snore. It was never late, and it never ran out of batteries.

Questions

1. What happened to the lighthouse bulb?

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2. What did the fish do when Grandpa Orrin snored?

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3. How did Captain Marsh find the shore?

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4. What gift did Captain Marsh bring in the morning?

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5. Why was the snore so useful that night?

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6. How can you tell this is a tall tale?

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Words to know

lighthouse: a tall tower with a bright light that guides ships
bay: a curve of the sea that reaches into the land
foghorn: a loud horn that warns ships in thick fog
quilt: a thick blanket sewn from many pieces of cloth

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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Grandpa Orrin's Lighthouse Snore

Triangle group

When my grandpa Orrin kept the lighthouse at Gull Point, he snored so loudly that fish popped to the surface to see what was wrong. Some folks say the sound rolled across the bay like thunder. I say it was louder.

One foggy night, the lighthouse bulb burned out. Grandpa Orrin went to bed that night feeling blue, because ships would not see the light. He pulled up his quilt and fell asleep anyway.

Out on the water, Captain Marsh was steering her little boat through the fog. She could not see a thing. Then she heard it: a deep, rumbling *HONK-shoo, HONK-shoo* coming from the shore.

"That is no foghorn," she said. "But it is the best sound I've ever heard."

She steered toward the snore. The boat slid past the rocks and landed softly at the dock. Captain Marsh climbed the stairs and found Grandpa Orrin snoring with his mouth open and his socks on.

In the morning, she thanked him with a basket of blueberry muffins. Grandpa Orrin blinked. "I only sleep," he said.

"Keep doing it," she said.

From then on, every foggy night, the whole coast leaned on Grandpa Orrin's snore. It was never late, and it never ran out of batteries.

Questions

1. What happened to the lighthouse bulb?

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2. What did fish do when Grandpa Orrin snored?

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3. How did Captain Marsh find the shore?

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4. What gift did Captain Marsh bring in the morning?

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5. Why did Captain Marsh say the snore was better than a foghorn that night?

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6. How can you tell this is a tall tale?

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Words to know

lighthouse: a tall tower with a bright light that guides ships
bay: a curve of the sea that reaches into the land
foghorn: a loud horn that warns ships in thick fog
quilt: a thick blanket sewn from many pieces of cloth

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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Grandpa Orrin's Lighthouse Snore

Square group

When my grandpa Orrin kept the lighthouse at Gull Point, he snored so ferociously that fish bobbed to the surface to investigate. Some folks claim the sound rolled across the bay like thunder. I maintain it was louder.

One foggy night, the lighthouse bulb burned out. Grandpa Orrin went to bed feeling gloomy, because passing ships would not be able to see the light. He pulled up his quilt and drifted off to sleep anyway.

Out on the water, Captain Marsh was steering her little boat through the thick fog. She could not see a thing. Then she heard it: a deep, rumbling *HONK-shoo, HONK-shoo* echoing from the shore.

"That is no foghorn," she said. "But it is the finest sound I have ever heard."

She steered straight toward the snore. The boat slipped past the rocks and glided gently up to the dock. Captain Marsh climbed the stairs and found Grandpa Orrin snoring with his mouth wide open and his socks still on.

In the morning, she thanked him with a basket of blueberry muffins. Grandpa Orrin blinked sleepily. "I only sleep," he said.

"Then keep on doing it," she replied.

From then on, whenever fog rolled in, the entire coast relied on Grandpa Orrin's snore. It was always on time, and it never ran out of batteries.

Questions

1. What happened to the lighthouse bulb one foggy night?

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2. How did the fish react when Grandpa Orrin snored?

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3. How did Captain Marsh find her way to the shore?

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4. What gift did Captain Marsh bring Grandpa Orrin in the morning?

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5. Why did Captain Marsh call the snore the finest sound she had heard?

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6. What makes this story a tall tale?

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Words to know

lighthouse: a tall tower with a bright light that guides ships
bay: a curve of the sea that reaches into the land
foghorn: a loud horn that warns ships in thick fog
quilt: a thick blanket sewn from many pieces of cloth

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: Grandpa Orrin's Lighthouse Snore

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

Circle: Grandpa Orrin's Lighthouse Snore

Easier · 199 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. It burned out.
2. They popped up to see what was wrong.
3. She followed the sound of the snore.
4. A basket of blueberry muffins.
5. The light was out, and the snore told her where the shore was.
6. A snore could not really guide ships, but the story says it did.

Triangle: Grandpa Orrin's Lighthouse Snore

This passage · 209 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. It burned out.
2. They popped to the surface to see what was wrong.
3. She followed the sound of the snore.
4. A basket of blueberry muffins.
5. The light was out and the snore told her where the shore was.
6. A snore is not really loud enough to guide ships, but the story says it is.

Square: Grandpa Orrin's Lighthouse Snore

Harder · 221 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. It burned out.
2. They bobbed to the surface to investigate.
3. She followed the sound of the snore.
4. A basket of blueberry muffins.
5. With the light out, it told her where the shore was.
6. It claims a snore was loud enough to guide ships, which could not really happen.