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The Laundry Room Sign-Up Sheet

Circle group

In an apartment building, many families share one laundry room. There are only a few washing machines. Everybody has clothes to wash. Without a plan, the machines would often be full. People would get annoyed.

So the building makes some simple rules. One rule might be a sign-up sheet by the door. Each family writes a name beside a time. Another rule might be to take your clothes out when the cycle ends. Then the next person can use the machine. A third rule might be to wipe up spills and clean the lint filter. There may be quiet hours. The machines should not run late at night. The noise can travel through the walls.

Each rule has a reason. The sign-up sheet gives every family a fair turn. The clean-up rule shows respect for the next person.

Rules in a town work in much the same way. Laws about shared places, like parks and roads, help many people use them without trouble. Sometimes a rule seems silly. Then ask, "What problem was this rule meant to solve?"

Questions

1. Why does the laundry room need rules?

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2. What is the sign-up sheet for?

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3. Why must you take your clothes out when the cycle ends?

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4. Why might a building have quiet hours?

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5. How are the building rules like laws in a town?

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6. Why does cleaning up after yourself show respect for others?

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Words to know

laundry: clothes and cloths that need washing
annoyed: a little bit angry or bothered
cycle: one full run of a machine from start to finish
spills: liquid that has accidentally run out of its container
respect: caring about other people and treating them well

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 Laundry Room Sign-Up Sheet

Triangle group

In an apartment building, many families share one laundry room. There are only a few washing machines, and everybody has clothes to wash. Without a plan, the machines would often be full, and people would get annoyed.

So the building makes some simple rules. One rule might be a sign-up sheet by the door. Each family writes a name beside a time. Another rule might say that you must take your clothes out when the cycle ends, so the next person can use the machine. A third rule might ask people to wipe up spills and clean the lint filter. Quiet hours may stop the machines from running late at night, because the noise can travel through the walls.

Notice that each rule has a reason. The sign-up sheet gives every family a fair turn. The clean-up rule shows respect for the next person who comes in.

Rules in a town work in much the same way. Laws about shared places, like parks and roads, exist so that many people can use them without trouble. When a rule seems silly, a good question to ask is, "What problem was this rule meant to solve?"

Questions

1. Why does the laundry room need rules?

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2. What is the sign-up sheet for?

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The Laundry Room Sign-Up Sheet

Square group

In an apartment building, numerous families share a single laundry room. The room contains only a few washing machines, yet everybody has clothes that need washing. Without an organized plan, the machines would frequently be occupied, and the residents would grow annoyed with one another.

For this reason, the building establishes several simple rules. One rule might be a sign-up sheet beside the door, on which each family writes a name next to a time. Another rule might require you to remove your clothes when the cycle ends, so that the next person is able to use the machine. A third rule might ask people to wipe up any spills and to clean the lint filter. Quiet hours may prevent the machines from running late at night, since the noise can travel through the walls.

Notice that every rule has a purpose. The sign-up sheet guarantees each family a fair turn, and the clean-up rule demonstrates respect for the next person who walks in.

Rules in a town function in much the same manner. Laws about shared places, such as parks and roads, exist so that large numbers of people can use them without trouble. Whenever a rule appears silly, a thoughtful question to ask is, "What problem was this rule meant to solve?"

Questions

1. Why does the laundry room need rules?

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2. What is the sign-up sheet for?

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3. Why must you remove your clothes when the cycle ends?

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4. Why might a building have quiet hours?

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5. How are the building rules similar to laws in a town?

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6. Why does cleaning up after yourself demonstrate respect for others?

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For the teacher: The Laundry Room Sign-Up Sheet

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

Circle: The Laundry Room Sign-Up Sheet

Easier · 181 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. Many families share only a few machines.
2. It gives each family a fair turn at a certain time.
3. So the next person can use the machine.
4. The noise of the machines can travel through the walls at night.
5. Both help many people share a place without trouble.
6. The next person finds a clean machine ready and does not have to fix your mess.

Triangle: The Laundry Room Sign-Up Sheet

This passage · 197 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.3

1. Many families share only a few machines.
2. It gives each family a fair turn at a certain time.
3. So the next person can use the machine.
4. The noise of the machines can travel through the walls at night.
5. Both help many people share a place without trouble.
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Square: The Laundry Room Sign-Up Sheet

Harder · 217 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 8

1. Numerous families share only a few machines.
2. It guarantees each family a fair turn at a certain time.
3. So that the next person is able to use the machine.
4. The noise of the machines can travel through the walls late at night.
5. Both help large numbers of people share a place without trouble.
6. The next person finds a clean machine ready and does not have to repair your mess.