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Reading Glasses for a Nearsighted Dragon

Circle group

Embra the dragon loved to read. But lately the letters in her books looked like smudged ants. She held a book far away. She held it close to her nose. Nothing helped.

"I think you need glasses," said Corbin, the young blacksmith who lived near her cave.

"Dragons do not wear glasses," Embra said gruffly. But that night she could not finish her favorite chapter, and she felt sad.

The next morning, Corbin brought two round pieces of clear glass. He bent thin wire around each one to make frames. He made two curved arms to rest behind her ears. Her ears were huge, so he gave each arm a loop.

Embra put them on. The words looked sharp and clear. "Oh!" she gasped. "That is a verb!"

She read for three days. Corbin got a big thank-you and a very warm hug. It was a little too warm, he said.

Questions

1. What trouble was Embra having with books?

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2. Who said Embra needed glasses?

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3. How did Embra feel about glasses at first?

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4. What did Corbin use to make the frames?

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5. Why did Embra change her mind about glasses?

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6. What happened when Embra put the glasses on?

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Words to know

smudged: blurry or messy, as if rubbed
gruffly: in a rough, grumpy voice
frame: the part that holds the lenses of glasses

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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Reading Glasses for a Nearsighted Dragon

Triangle group

Embra the dragon loved to read, but lately the letters in her books looked like smudged ants. She held a book out at arm's length, then close to her nose. Nothing helped.

"I think you need glasses," said Corbin, the young blacksmith who lived near her cave.

"Dragons do not wear glasses," Embra said gruffly. But that night she could not finish her favorite chapter, and she felt sad.

The next morning, Corbin brought two round pieces of clear glass he had made in his workshop. He bent a thin wire around each one to make a frame, and he shaped two curved arms to rest behind her ears. Her ears were huge, so he gave the arms a loop at the end.

Embra slid them on. The words jumped out sharp and clear. "Oh!" she gasped. "That is a verb!"

She read for three days straight. Corbin got a very large thank-you, plus a very warm hug, which he said was perhaps a little too warm for comfort.

Questions

1. What trouble was Embra having with books?

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2. Who suggested that Embra needed glasses?

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3. How did Embra feel about glasses at first?

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4. What did Corbin use to make the frames?

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5. Why did Embra change her mind about glasses?

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6. What happened when Embra put the glasses on?

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Words to know

smudged: blurry or messy, as if rubbed
gruffly: in a rough, grumpy voice
workshop: a room where things are built or fixed
frame: the part that holds the lenses of glasses

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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Reading Glasses for a Nearsighted Dragon

Square group

Embra the dragon adored reading, but lately the letters in her books had begun to look like smudged ants. She held a book out at arm's length, then pressed it right up against her nose, and nothing improved.

"I believe you need glasses," suggested Corbin, the young blacksmith who lived near her cave.

"Dragons do not wear glasses," Embra replied gruffly. But that night she could not finish her favorite chapter, and a heavy sadness settled over her.

The following morning, Corbin arrived with two round pieces of clear glass that he had made in his workshop. He bent a thin wire around each one to form a frame, and he shaped two curved arms to rest behind her ears. Because her ears were enormous, he added a loop at the end of each arm.

Embra slid them on. The words leaped out sharp and clear. "Oh!" she gasped. "That is a verb!"

She read for three days straight. Corbin received a tremendous thank-you, along with a very warm hug, which he admitted was perhaps a little too warm for comfort.

Questions

1. What trouble was Embra having with books?

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2. Who suggested that Embra needed glasses?

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3. How did Embra feel about glasses at first?

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4. What did Corbin use to make the frames?

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5. Why did Embra change her mind about glasses?

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6. What happened when Embra slid the glasses on?

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Words to know

smudged: blurry or messy, as if rubbed
gruffly: in a rough, grumpy voice
workshop: a room where things are built or fixed
frame: the part that holds the lenses of glasses

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: Reading Glasses for a Nearsighted Dragon

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

Circle: Reading Glasses for a Nearsighted Dragon

Easier · 152 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. The letters looked smudged, like ants.
2. Corbin, the blacksmith.
3. She said dragons do not wear glasses and was gruff.
4. Thin wire, with curved arms to rest behind her ears.
5. She felt sad that she could not finish her favorite chapter.
6. The words looked sharp and clear.

Triangle: Reading Glasses for a Nearsighted Dragon

This passage · 170 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.7

1. The letters looked smudged, like ants.
2. Corbin, the blacksmith.
3. She said dragons do not wear glasses and acted gruff.
4. Thin wire, with curved arms to rest behind her ears.
5. She was sad that she could not finish her favorite chapter.
6. The words looked sharp and clear.

Square: Reading Glasses for a Nearsighted Dragon

Harder · 182 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. The letters looked like smudged ants.
2. Corbin, the young blacksmith.
3. She replied gruffly that dragons do not wear glasses.
4. Thin wire, with curved arms that rested behind her ears.
5. She was saddened that she could not finish her favorite chapter.
6. The words leaped out sharp and clear.