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Seat 14B and the Missing Ticket

Circle group

Lucia and her aunt rode the morning train to the coast. Halfway there, a conductor in a blue cap walked down the aisle. He asked for tickets. Aunt Rosa gave hers. Then Lucia looked for hers. It was gone.

"I put it in my jacket," Lucia said. Her cheeks felt hot.

The conductor smiled. "Take your time," he said. "I will come back in ten minutes."

Lucia thought about her morning. She had bought a hot pretzel on the platform. She had held the ticket in one hand and the pretzel in the other. Then she had put the ticket somewhere safe.

She looked at her book. She had been reading about a lighthouse. She had used the ticket as a bookmark!

She turned to page sixty-one. There it was. The conductor came back. She showed him the ticket and smiled.

"A clever place," he said. He punched a small hole in it. After that, Lucia kept her ticket in her pocket and used a leaf as a bookmark.

Questions

1. Where were Lucia and her aunt going?

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2. What did Lucia buy on the platform?

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3. Where was her ticket?

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4. What did the conductor do with the ticket?

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5. Why did Lucia's cheeks feel hot?

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6. Why did she stop using the ticket as a bookmark?

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Words to know

conductor: the worker who checks tickets on a train
aisle: the walkway between rows of seats
platform: the raised place where people wait for a train

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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Seat 14B and the Missing Ticket

Triangle group

Lucia and her aunt were riding the morning train to the coast. Halfway there, a conductor in a blue cap came down the aisle and asked for tickets. Aunt Rosa handed hers over, then patted her pockets. Lucia's ticket was missing.

"I put it in my jacket," Lucia said, and her cheeks grew hot. "I am sure of it."

The conductor smiled kindly. "Take your time," he said. "I will come back in ten minutes."

Lucia retraced her morning. She remembered the platform, where she had bought a hot pretzel. She remembered holding the ticket in one hand and the pretzel in the other, and then sliding the ticket into something for safekeeping.

Then she looked at her book. She had been reading a story about a lighthouse, and she had tucked the ticket inside as a bookmark!

She flipped to page sixty-one, and there it was. When the conductor returned, she showed him the ticket with a proud smile.

"A clever place to hide it," he said, and punched a tiny hole. After that, Lucia kept her ticket in her pocket and used a leaf for a bookmark.

Questions

1. Where were Lucia and her aunt going?

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2. What did Lucia buy on the platform?

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3. Where did Lucia find her ticket?

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4. What did the conductor do when he saw the ticket?

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5. Why did Lucia's cheeks grow hot?

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6. Why did Lucia stop using her ticket as a bookmark?

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Words to know

conductor: the worker who checks tickets on a train
aisle: the walkway between rows of seats
retraced: went back over the same steps again
platform: the raised place where people wait for a train

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Seat 14B and the Missing Ticket

Square group

Lucia and her aunt were traveling on the morning train to the coast. Halfway through the journey, a conductor in a blue cap strolled down the aisle and requested tickets. Aunt Rosa handed hers over promptly, then Lucia patted her pockets in alarm. Her ticket had vanished.

"I put it in my jacket," Lucia insisted, and her cheeks grew hot. "I am absolutely sure of it."

The conductor smiled kindly. "Take your time," he said. "I will come back in ten minutes."

Lucia carefully retraced her morning. She remembered the station platform, where she had bought a warm pretzel. She remembered holding the ticket in one hand and the pretzel in the other, and then sliding the ticket into something for safekeeping.

Suddenly she glanced at her book. She had been reading a story about a lighthouse, and she had tucked the ticket inside it as a bookmark!

She flipped to page sixty-one, and there it was. When the conductor returned, she presented the ticket with a proud smile.

"What a clever hiding place," he said, and he punched a tiny hole in it. From then on, Lucia kept her ticket in her pocket and used a leaf as her bookmark.

Questions

1. Where were Lucia and her aunt traveling?

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2. What did Lucia buy on the platform?

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3. Where did Lucia find her ticket?

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4. What did the conductor do when he saw the ticket?

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5. Why did Lucia's cheeks grow hot?

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6. Why did Lucia stop using her ticket as a bookmark?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Seat 14B and the Missing Ticket

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

Circle: Seat 14B and the Missing Ticket

Easier · 170 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. To the coast.
2. A hot pretzel.
3. In her book, on page sixty-one.
4. He punched a small hole in it.
5. She was embarrassed and worried.
6. It was too easy to forget where she put it.

Triangle: Seat 14B and the Missing Ticket

This passage · 190 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.6

1. To the coast.
2. A hot pretzel.
3. Inside her book, on page sixty-one.
4. He punched a tiny hole in it.
5. She felt embarrassed and worried about losing her ticket.
6. She learned that it was too easy to forget where she put it.

Square: Seat 14B and the Missing Ticket

Harder · 202 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.8

1. To the coast.
2. A warm pretzel.
3. Inside her book, on page sixty-one.
4. He punched a tiny hole in it.
5. She felt embarrassed and anxious about losing her ticket.
6. She realized it was far too easy to forget where she had put it.