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The Dragon at the Lost Mitten Desk

Circle group

A small green dragon named Orrin lived in a stone hut at the edge of Pinewick Village. A sign outside read LOST MITTENS. Every winter, children dropped mittens in the snow. Every evening Orrin sniffed them out and took them home.

He hung each mitten on a string, sorted by color. He kept a notebook too. But he had one trouble. Mittens come in pairs, and he often found only one.

One snowy morning a girl named Priya came in. "I lost my left mitten," she said. "It has a yellow stripe."

Orrin had a mitten with a yellow stripe. But it was for the right hand. He felt bad.

Then he had an idea. He puffed warm air on the mitten. The wool grew, stitch by stitch, into a left mitten. Priya laughed and put on both.

Orrin always kept his fire small. A big fire would burn the wool.

Questions

1. What was written on the sign outside Orrin's hut?

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2. How did Orrin keep the mittens organized?

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3. What was Orrin's trouble?

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4. What did Priya say she had lost?

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5. How did Orrin fix the problem for Priya?

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6. Why did Orrin keep his fire small?

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Words to know

sorted: put into groups that go together
stitch: one loop of thread in knitted 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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The Dragon at the Lost Mitten Desk

Triangle group

At the edge of Pinewick Village sat a stone hut with a sign that read LOST MITTENS. Inside lived a small green dragon named Orrin. Every winter, children dropped mittens in the snow, and every evening Orrin sniffed them out and carried them home in his claws.

Orrin took the job seriously. He hung each mitten on a string, sorted by color, and kept a notebook. But he had one trouble. Mittens come in pairs, and he often found only one.

One snowy morning a girl named Priya came in. "I lost my left mitten," she said. "It has a yellow stripe."

Orrin checked his strings. He had a yellow-striped mitten, but it was for the right hand. He felt terrible.

Then he had an idea. He puffed a gentle breath of warm air onto the mitten, and the wool grew softly, stitch by stitch, into a matching left one. Priya laughed and pulled on both.

After that, Orrin always kept his fire small. Too much would burn the wool, but just enough made a perfect pair.

Questions

1. What was written on the sign outside Orrin's hut?

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2. How did Orrin keep the mittens organized?

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3. What was Orrin's trouble?

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4. What did Priya say she had lost?

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5. How did Orrin fix the problem for Priya?

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6. Why did Orrin keep his fire small afterward?

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Words to know

sorted: put into groups that go together
stitch: one loop of thread in knitted cloth
seriously: with care, not as a joke
matching: the same as another one

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 Dragon at the Lost Mitten Desk

Square group

At the edge of Pinewick Village stood a stone hut with a weathered sign that read LOST MITTENS. Inside lived a small green dragon named Orrin. Every winter, children dropped their mittens in the snow, and every evening Orrin sniffed them out and carried them home in his claws.

Orrin took the job very seriously. He hung each mitten on a string, sorted carefully by color, and recorded every one in a notebook. Yet he faced one stubborn difficulty. Mittens come in pairs, and he often discovered only one of them.

One snowy morning a girl named Priya hurried in. "I lost my left mitten," she explained. "It has a yellow stripe."

Orrin searched his strings. He did have a mitten with a yellow stripe, but it was made for the right hand, and he felt terrible.

Then an idea struck him. He puffed a gentle breath of warm air onto the mitten, and the wool grew, stitch by stitch, into a matching left one. Priya laughed with delight and pulled on both.

After that, Orrin always kept his fire small. A roaring flame would scorch the wool, but just enough warmth produced a perfect pair.

Questions

1. What was written on the sign outside Orrin's hut?

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2. How did Orrin keep the mittens organized?

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3. What was Orrin's difficulty?

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4. What did Priya say she had lost?

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5. How did Orrin fix the problem for Priya?

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6. Why did Orrin keep his fire small afterward?

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Words to know

sorted: put into groups that go together
stitch: one loop of thread in knitted cloth
seriously: with care, not as a joke
matching: the same as another one

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: The Dragon at the Lost Mitten Desk

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

Circle: The Dragon at the Lost Mitten Desk

Easier · 151 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. LOST MITTENS.
2. He hung them on strings sorted by color and kept a notebook.
3. He often found only one mitten of a pair.
4. Her left mitten with a yellow stripe.
5. He puffed warm air on the right mitten and it grew into a left one.
6. A big fire would burn the wool, but a small warm breath made a mitten safely.

Triangle: The Dragon at the Lost Mitten Desk

This passage · 178 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. LOST MITTENS.
2. He hung them on strings sorted by color and kept a notebook.
3. He often found only one mitten from a pair.
4. Her left mitten with a yellow stripe.
5. He breathed warm air on the right mitten so it grew into a matching left one.
6. A big fire would burn the wool, but a small warm breath made a mitten safely.

Square: The Dragon at the Lost Mitten Desk

Harder · 196 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.9

1. LOST MITTENS.
2. He hung them on strings sorted by color and recorded each one in a notebook.
3. He often discovered only one mitten from a pair.
4. Her left mitten with a yellow stripe.
5. He puffed warm air onto the right mitten so it grew into a matching left one.
6. A roaring flame would scorch the wool, but a little warmth made a mitten safely.