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The Wombat Who Dug a Door Too Small

Circle group

Winnie the wombat loved to dig. Her strong claws could make a tunnel fast. One spring she dug a new burrow. She wanted the door to be round and snug. Then no rain or wind could get in.

She worked for many days. The door came out just right. It was as wide as Winnie. She could slip through it like a cork in a bottle.

Then her friend Kit the bettong came to visit. Kit had a basket of seeds. She could squeeze inside. Next came a bandicoot with seed bread, and a little echidna with a jar of honey. They did not fit through the door.

Winnie felt her face grow warm. She had planned for the weather. She had not planned for friends.

The next morning she dug the door wider. It still kept out the rain. Now there was room for a whole party.

Questions

1. What was Winnie best at doing?

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2. Why did Winnie want a round, snug door?

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3. How wide was the door Winnie dug?

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4. Which guests did not fit through the door?

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5. What did Winnie mean when she said she had not planned for friends?

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6. How did Winnie fix the problem?

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Words to know

burrow: a home that an animal digs underground
snug: fitting closely in a cozy way
squeeze: to push through a tight space
echidna: a spiny animal with a long snout that eats ants

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 Wombat Who Dug a Door Too Small

Triangle group

Winnie the wombat loved digging. Her strong claws could scoop out a tunnel faster than any other animal in the bush. One spring she decided to dig the cleverest burrow ever made. She wanted the doorway to be round and snug, so that no rain or wind could get inside.

She worked for many days. The doorway came out just right. It was exactly as wide as Winnie herself, and she could slip through it like a cork in a bottle.

Then her friend Kit the bettong came to visit, with a basket of seeds for supper. Kit was able to squeeze inside. But behind her came a bandicoot with a loaf of seed bread, and then a little echidna carrying a jar of honey. Neither of them fit through the door.

Winnie felt her face grow warm. She had planned for the weather, but she had never planned for friends.

The next morning she dug the doorway wider. It was still a good door that kept out the rain, but now there was room for a whole party of guests.

Questions

1. What was Winnie best at doing?

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2. Why did Winnie want a round, snug doorway?

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3. How wide was the doorway Winnie dug?

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4. Which guests could not fit through the door?

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5. What did Winnie mean when she thought she had never planned for friends?

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6. How did Winnie fix her problem?

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The Wombat Who Dug a Door Too Small

Square group

Winnie the wombat absolutely loved digging. Her powerful claws could scoop out a tunnel faster than any other animal in the whole bush. One spring she resolved to dig the cleverest burrow that anyone had ever made, and she wanted the doorway to be perfectly round and snug so that neither rain nor wind could possibly creep inside.

She labored for many days, and at last the doorway came out exactly right. It was precisely as wide as Winnie herself, and she could slip through it like a cork sliding into a bottle.

Then her friend Kit the bettong arrived for a visit, carrying a basket of seeds for supper. Kit managed to squeeze inside. Right behind her, however, came a bandicoot with a loaf of seed bread, followed by a small echidna who was carrying a jar of honey. Neither of them could possibly fit through the door.

Winnie felt her face grow warm with embarrassment. She had thoughtfully planned for the weather, but she had never once planned for her friends.

The next morning she dug the doorway wider. It remained a sturdy door that kept out the rain, but now there was room for an entire party of guests.

Questions

1. What was Winnie best at doing in the whole bush?

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2. Why did Winnie want her doorway to be round and snug?

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3. How wide was the doorway that Winnie dug?

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4. Which of the guests could not get through the door?

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5. What did Winnie realize when she thought she had never planned for friends?

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6. How did Winnie solve her problem the next morning?

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For the teacher: The Wombat Who Dug a Door Too Small

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

Circle: The Wombat Who Dug a Door Too Small

Easier · 148 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Digging tunnels with her strong claws.
2. So that no rain or wind could get in.
3. As wide as Winnie herself.
4. The bandicoot and the echidna.
5. She made the door for herself and forgot that guests would come.
6. She dug the door wider.

Triangle: The Wombat Who Dug a Door Too Small

This passage · 181 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. Digging tunnels with her strong claws.
2. So that no rain or wind could get inside.
3. Exactly as wide as Winnie herself.
4. The bandicoot and the echidna.
5. She made the door only for herself and forgot that guests would come.
6. She dug the doorway wider.

Square: The Wombat Who Dug a Door Too Small

Harder · 202 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.8

1. Digging tunnels with her powerful claws.
2. So that neither rain nor wind could creep inside.
3. Precisely as wide as Winnie herself.
4. The bandicoot and the echidna.
5. She had built the door only for herself and had forgotten that guests would visit.
6. She dug the doorway wider.