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The Canyon Echo Who Heard It Wrong

Circle group

Lila and her little brother Cam went hiking. They came to the edge of Whistle Canyon. A sign said the canyon had the friendliest echo in the state. Lila cupped her hands. "Hello!" she shouted.

The canyon waited. Then it said, "Jell-O!"

The two stared at each other. Cam tried. "Can you hear me?"

"Pear me?" said the canyon.

"It is not listening well," said Lila. They laughed and laughed.

They played with the echo all morning. "Good morning" came back as "Food and warning." "My name is Cam" came back as "Spam is a clam." Cam said the echo had a cold and pudding in its ears.

Then there was a problem. Their dog, Biscuit, wandered off along the rim. The children were giggling and did not see. Lila called, "Biscuit! Come back!" The echo said, "Whiskers! Dance, Jack!" Biscuit heard only the silly echo and ran in a circle.

"The echo is confusing her," said Cam. He took a big breath and called, "Treat!"

The echo said, "Sweet!" That was close enough. Biscuit's ears shot up. She ran down the trail, wagging her whole body. Lila gave her a biscuit. The echo said, "Whisk it!"

Questions

1. What did the canyon say to hello?

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2. Who is Biscuit?

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3. What happened while the children giggled?

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4. Why did the echo confuse the dog?

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5. How did Cam get Biscuit back?

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6. What does Cam's joke about a cold and pudding mean?

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Words to know

canyon: a deep valley with steep rocky sides
echo: a sound that bounces back to you
cupped: curved your hands into a bowl shape
rim: the edge of something round or deep

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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Triangle group

On a hiking trip, Lila and her little brother Cam reached the edge of Whistle Canyon. A sign posted by the park announced that the canyon had the friendliest echo in the entire state, so Lila cupped her hands around her mouth and shouted, "Hello!"

The canyon waited a moment. Then it answered, "Jell-O!"

The two of them stared at each other. Cam tried again. "Can you hear me?"

"Pear me?" said the canyon.

"I think it is not listening very well," said Lila, and they laughed until their sides hurt.

They played with the echo all morning long. "Good morning" came back as "Food and warning," and "My name is Cam" bounced back as "Spam is a clam." Cam decided that the echo had a terrible head cold and a pair of ears stuffed with pudding.

Then a problem popped up. Their dog, Biscuit, had wandered off along the rim while the children were busy giggling. Lila called for her, "Biscuit! Come back!" but the echo answered, "Whiskers! Dance, Jack!" Biscuit, who could not hear anything except the silly echo, simply ran in circles.

"The echo is confusing her," said Cam. He took a deep breath and called out as plainly as he could, "Treat!"

The echo said, "Sweet!" which was close enough. Biscuit's ears shot up, and she came bounding down the trail, wagging her entire body. Lila rewarded her with a biscuit from the pack, and the echo, with perfect manners, said, "Whisk it!"

Questions

1. What did the canyon say when Lila shouted hello?

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2. Who is Biscuit?

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3. What problem happened while the children were giggling?

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4. Why did the echo confuse the dog?

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5. How did Cam get Biscuit to come back?

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6. What does Cam's joke about a head cold and pudding suggest?

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The Canyon Echo Who Heard It Wrong

Square group

During a hiking trip, Lila and her little brother Cam reached the edge of Whistle Canyon. A sign posted by the park announced that the canyon boasted the friendliest echo in the entire state, so Lila cupped her hands around her mouth and shouted, "Hello!"

The canyon waited a long moment. Then it answered, "Jell-O!"

The two of them stared at each other in disbelief. Cam tried again. "Can you hear me?"

"Pear me?" replied the canyon.

"I think it is not listening very carefully," said Lila, and they laughed until their sides ached.

They played with the echo all morning long. "Good morning" came back as "Food and warning," and "My name is Cam" bounced back as "Spam is a clam." Cam concluded that the echo had a terrible head cold and a pair of ears stuffed with pudding.

Then a problem popped up. Their dog, Biscuit, had wandered off along the rim while the children were busy giggling. Lila called, "Biscuit! Come back!" but the echo answered, "Whiskers! Dance, Jack!" Biscuit, who could hear nothing except the silly echo, simply ran in circles.

"The echo is confusing her," said Cam. He took a deep breath and called out as plainly as he could, "Treat!"

The echo said, "Sweet!" which was close enough. Biscuit's ears shot up, and she came bounding down the trail, wagging her entire body. Lila rewarded her with a biscuit from the pack, and the echo, with perfect manners, said, "Whisk it!"

Questions

1. What did the canyon answer when Lila shouted hello?

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2. Who is Biscuit in the story?

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3. What problem arose while the children were busy giggling?

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4. Why did the echo confuse the dog so much?

5. How did Cam persuade Biscuit to return?

6. What does Cam's joke about a head cold and pudding suggest?

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For the teacher: The Canyon Echo Who Heard It Wrong

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

Circle: The Canyon Echo Who Heard It Wrong

Easier · 198 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. Jell-O.
2. The children's dog.
3. Biscuit wandered off along the rim.
4. It sent back silly words that did not sound like her name.
5. He called out the word Treat.
6. He thought the echo heard words wrong, like stuffy ears.

Triangle: The Canyon Echo Who Heard It Wrong

This passage · 248 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.1

1. Jell-O.
2. The children's dog.
3. Biscuit wandered off along the rim.
4. It sent back silly words that did not sound like her name.
5. He called out the simple word Treat.
6. He thought the echo heard words wrong the way a person with stuffy ears does.

Square: The Canyon Echo Who Heard It Wrong

Harder · 248 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

1. Jell-O.
2. The children's dog.
3. Biscuit wandered off along the rim.
4. It sent back silly words that did not sound like her name.
5. He called out the plain word Treat.
6. He thought the echo mixed up words the way stuffy ears might.