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The Chore Wheel Rebellion

Circle group

The chore wheel hung on the fridge, and it was a mess. Every Monday, Bo, Lucia, and their little brother Pip spun the arrow. It said who would take out the trash, who would feed the cat, and who would set the table. Every Monday, Bo seemed to get the trash.

"This wheel is rigged," Bo said. "It hates me."

"It's a piece of cardboard," said Lucia. She had gotten the table, which was easy.

Bo did not give up. He used a ruler and a pen to keep track of the spins for a month. Then he showed everyone at dinner in a neat chart. He had taken out the trash eleven times. Lucia had done it only twice.

Their mother raised her eyebrows. "Well, that is not fair."

Lucia looked at the chart for a long time. Then she sighed. "I may have moved the arrow when I spin," she said. "A little."

Bo's mouth fell open. Pip burst out laughing.

They threw the old wheel away. They made a new one together. This time, each name moved one step every week. Bo got his first Monday off. Lucia took out the trash with a smile. She even said it smelled a little like justice.

Questions

1. What was the chore wheel used for?

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2. How did Bo show the wheel was unfair?

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3. How many times did Bo take out the trash?

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4. What did Lucia admit?

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5. Why did the family make a new wheel?

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6. Why might Lucia say the trash smelled like justice?

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Words to know

rigged: set up unfairly so that one result is more likely

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 Chore Wheel Rebellion

Triangle group

The chore wheel hung on the refrigerator, and it was a disaster. Every Monday, Bo, Lucia, and their little brother Pip spun the arrow to see who would take out the trash, who would feed the cat, and who would set the table. Every Monday, Bo seemed to land on the trash.

"This wheel is rigged," Bo announced. "It hates me."

"It's a piece of cardboard," said Lucia, who had gotten the table, which was easy.

Bo did not give up. He borrowed a ruler and tracked the spins for a month. At the end, he showed his results at dinner, drawn in a neat chart. He had taken out the trash eleven times, and Lucia had done it only twice.

Their mother raised her eyebrows. "Well, that is not very fair."

Lucia looked at the chart for a long moment. Then she sighed. "I may have been moving the arrow when I spin," she admitted. "A little."

Bo's mouth fell open, and Pip burst out laughing.

They threw the old wheel away and made a new one together. This time, the three of them took turns spinning, and each person's name rotated one step every week. Bo got his first Monday off, and Lucia carried the trash cheerfully. She even said it smelled a little like justice.

Questions

1. What was the chore wheel used for?

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2. How did Bo collect proof that the wheel was unfair?

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3. How many times did Bo take out the trash?

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4. What did Lucia admit?

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5. Why did the family make a new wheel?

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6. Why might Lucia say the trash smelled like justice?

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Words to know

rigged: set up unfairly so that one result is more likely
tracked: kept a record of something over time
admitted: said that something was true, even though it was hard to say
rotated: moved around in turns

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 Chore Wheel Rebellion

Square group

The chore wheel hung on the refrigerator door, and it had become a disaster. Every Monday, Bo, Lucia, and their little brother Pip gathered to spin the arrow, which decided who would take out the trash, who would feed the cat, and who would set the table. Every Monday, Bo somehow landed on the trash.

"This wheel is rigged," Bo announced. "It has a grudge against me."

"It's a piece of cardboard," said Lucia, who had been assigned the table, which was easy.

Bo refused to give up. He borrowed a ruler and a pen and carefully tracked every spin for an entire month. At the end, he presented his results at dinner, arranged in a tidy chart. He had taken out the trash eleven times, while Lucia had done it only twice.

Their mother raised her eyebrows. "Well, that certainly does not seem fair."

Lucia studied the chart for a long moment. Then she sighed deeply. "I may have been nudging the arrow whenever I spun it," she admitted. "Just a little."

Bo's mouth fell open, and Pip burst into giggles.

They threw the old wheel away and built a new one together. This time, the three of them took turns spinning, and every person's name rotated one step each week. Bo enjoyed his first Monday off, and Lucia carried the trash out cheerfully. She even remarked that it smelled a little like justice.

Questions

1. What was the purpose of the chore wheel?

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2. How did Bo gather proof that the wheel was unfair?

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3. How many times did Bo take out the trash during that month?

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4. What did Lucia finally admit?

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5. Why did the family build a new wheel?

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6. Why might Lucia remark that the trash smelled like justice?

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Words to know

rigged: set up unfairly so that one result is more likely
tracked: kept a record of something over time
admitted: said that something was true, even though it was hard to say
rotated: moved around in turns

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 Chore Wheel Rebellion

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

Circle: The Chore Wheel Rebellion

Easier · 207 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. It decided who would do each chore, like trash, the cat, or the table.
2. He kept track of the spins for a month and made a chart.
3. Eleven times.
4. She had moved the arrow a little when she spun it.
5. The old one was unfair, so they wanted everyone to take equal turns.
6. She felt it was right, since she had been unfair before.

Triangle: The Chore Wheel Rebellion

This passage · 218 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

1. It decided who would do each chore, such as trash, feeding the cat, or setting the table.
2. He tracked the spins for a month and made a chart.
3. Eleven times.
4. She had been moving the arrow a little when she spun it.
5. The old one had been unfair, so they wanted a system where everyone took turns equally.
6. She felt it was only right, since she had been unfair before.

Square: The Chore Wheel Rebellion

Harder · 235 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.3

1. It decided who would do each chore, such as the trash, the cat, or the table.
2. He tracked every spin for a month and arranged the results in a chart.
3. Eleven times.
4. She had been nudging the arrow a little whenever she spun it.
5. The old one had been unfair, so they wanted a system in which everyone took equal turns.
6. She believed it was only right, since she had treated her brother unfairly before.