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A Map Drawn on a Pizza Box Lid

Circle group

The week before Hana's family moved, her best friend Lucas came to her door. He held a flat pizza box lid. He had covered the inside with marker. It was a map of their neighborhood.

"That's the hill where we race bikes," he said. "That's the mailbox that leans. That's the bench behind the library where you beat me at checkers eleven times."

Hana laughed, but her throat felt tight. Then she saw a big blank corner. Lucas had written two words there: YOUR TURN.

"Fill it in with your new town," he said. "Mail me a copy. I will look for the places you find."

The first month in the new house was lonely. The streets looked strange. Nobody knew her name. But Hana kept the pizza lid on her desk. One Saturday she took a pencil and went for a walk. She found a bakery with a sleepy orange cat in the window. She found a footbridge over a stream. She found a hardware store where kids could test the squeaky doorbells.

She drew each place in the blank corner. She took a photo of the page and mailed it. A week later a box came. Inside was a second pizza lid. Lucas had put a new corner on it: THE MAP OF BOTH OF US.

Questions

1. What did Lucas give Hana before she moved?

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2. What did YOUR TURN in the blank corner mean?

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3. Which two places did Hana find in her new town?

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4. How did Hana feel in her first month in the new house?

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5. Why did Hana's throat feel tight when she laughed?

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6. Why was the second map called the map of both of them?

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Words to know

neighborhood: the area around where you live
blank: empty, with nothing written or drawn on it
footbridge: a small bridge made only for people walking

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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A Map Drawn on a Pizza Box Lid

Triangle group

The week before Hana's family moved, her best friend Lucas appeared at the door holding a flat pizza box lid. He had covered the inside with marker. It was a map of their whole neighborhood, and he pointed out each place. There was the hill where they raced bikes, the mailbox that leaned to one side, and the bench behind the library where Hana had beaten him at checkers eleven times.

Hana laughed, although her throat felt tight. Then she noticed a blank corner at the edge of the lid. Lucas had written two words there: YOUR TURN. He asked her to fill it in with her new town and mail him a copy. He wanted to look for every place she found.

The first month in the new house was lonely. The streets looked unfamiliar, and nobody there knew her name. Still, Hana kept the pizza lid on her desk, and one Saturday she picked up a pencil and went for a long walk. She found a bakery with a sleepy orange cat in the window, a footbridge over a narrow stream, and a hardware store where kids could test every squeaky doorbell.

She drew each place in the blank corner, then photographed the page and mailed it. A week later a package arrived. Inside was a second pizza lid with a new corner labeled in careful capital letters: THE MAP OF BOTH OF US.

Questions

1. What did Lucas give Hana before she moved?

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2. What did the words YOUR TURN in the blank corner mean?

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3. Which two places did Hana find in her new town?

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4. How did Hana feel during her first month in the new house?

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5. Why did Hana's throat feel tight when she laughed?

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6. Why was the map made from the second pizza lid called the map of both of them?

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Words to know

neighborhood: the area around where you live
blank: empty, with nothing written or drawn on it
unfamiliar: new and not known to you
footbridge: a small bridge made only for people walking
labeled: put a name or words on something

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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A Map Drawn on a Pizza Box Lid

Square group

The week before Hana's family moved away, her best friend Lucas appeared at the front door holding a flat pizza box lid that he had covered with colorful marker on the inside. It was a remarkably detailed map of their entire neighborhood, and he explained each place as he pointed. There was the hill where they raced their bikes, the mailbox that leaned stubbornly to one side, and the bench behind the library where Hana had defeated him at checkers eleven separate times.

Hana laughed, although her throat felt unexpectedly tight. Then she noticed a large blank corner at the edge of the lid, where Lucas had written two words: YOUR TURN. He urged her to fill it in with her new town and mail him a copy, so that he could search for every place she discovered.

The first month in the new house was painfully lonely. The streets looked completely unfamiliar, and nobody there knew her name. Still, Hana kept the pizza lid on her desk, and one Saturday she picked up a pencil and set out on a long exploration. She discovered a bakery with a sleepy orange cat curled in the window, a footbridge arching over a narrow stream, and a hardware store where the friendly owner allowed children to test every squeaky doorbell.

She sketched each place in the blank corner, then photographed the page and mailed it to Lucas. A week later a package arrived, and inside was a second pizza lid with a brand new corner labeled in careful capital letters: THE MAP OF BOTH OF US.

Questions

1. What did Lucas bring to Hana's door before she moved?

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2. What was the meaning of the words YOUR TURN in the blank corner?

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3. Name two places that Hana discovered in her new town.

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4. How did Hana feel during her first month in the new house?

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5. Why did Hana's throat feel tight even as she laughed?

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6. Why was the second pizza lid called the map of both of them?

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Words to know

neighborhood: the area around where you live
blank: empty, with nothing written or drawn on it
unfamiliar: new and not known to you
footbridge: a small bridge made only for people walking
labeled: put a name or words on something

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: A Map Drawn on a Pizza Box Lid

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

Circle: A Map Drawn on a Pizza Box Lid

Easier · 218 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. A pizza box lid with a map of their neighborhood.
2. Hana should fill it in with places in her new town.
3. Any two of the bakery with the orange cat, the footbridge, or the hardware store.
4. Lonely, because nobody knew her.
5. She was sad to leave her best friend.
6. It showed places from both of their towns and joined their lives.

Triangle: A Map Drawn on a Pizza Box Lid

This passage · 236 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.8

1. A pizza box lid with a map of their neighborhood drawn on it.
2. Hana was supposed to fill it in with places in her new town.
3. Any two of the bakery with the orange cat, the footbridge, or the hardware store.
4. Lonely, because nobody knew her and the streets were unfamiliar.
5. She was sad about leaving her best friend behind.
6. It showed places from both of their towns, so it joined their two lives.

Square: A Map Drawn on a Pizza Box Lid

Harder · 264 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 9.8

1. A pizza box lid with a map of their neighborhood drawn on it.
2. Hana was supposed to fill it in with places in her new town.
3. Any two of the bakery with the orange cat, the footbridge, or the hardware store.
4. Lonely, because the streets were unfamiliar and nobody knew her.
5. She was sad about leaving her best friend behind.
6. It showed places from both of their towns, so it joined their two lives.