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Blustery Hollow Votes Tuesday Off the Calendar

Circle group

At the town meeting in Blustery Hollow, Councilman Pip Dorsey stood on a chair. "Friends, nobody likes Tuesday," he said. "Monday has a bad name, Wednesday is the middle, and Friday is a hero. But Tuesday is just a day when things are due." The crowd murmured. Someone shouted, "Vote!" To everyone's surprise, the motion passed forty to six.

The first problem came on Monday night. The bus driver, Ms. Keating, checked her list. "If tomorrow is Wednesday, what happened to the day between?" Nobody knew. The buses ran on Wednesday morning as usual. Half the children missed them because their parents still thought it was Tuesday.

By Thursday the mix-up was serious. The bakery sold bread baked on a day that no longer existed. The library books were due on Tuesday, which meant they were due on no day at all. The town clock seemed embarrassed. It chimed at the wrong times.

A girl named Wanda Pruitt was eleven and sensible. At the next meeting she stood up. "We did not cancel Tuesday," she said. "We just stopped counting it. The sun still comes up on that day. We are all still here. We just do not know what to do."

The council voted again. Tuesday came back by forty-six to nothing. It came back with a new job. Every Tuesday in Blustery Hollow is now Free Pie Day. Nobody has complained since.

Questions

1. Why did Councilman Dorsey want Tuesday removed?

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2. How did the first vote turn out?

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3. Why did some children miss the bus?

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4. What problem did the library have?

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5. What point did Wanda Pruitt make?

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6. Why did nobody complain about Tuesday after the second vote?

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Words to know

councilman: a member of a group that runs a town
motion: a formal suggestion that a group votes on
sensible: having good, practical sense

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

At the town meeting in Blustery Hollow, Councilman Pip Dorsey stood on a chair and made an announcement. "Friends, nobody likes Tuesday. Monday has a bad reputation, Wednesday is the middle of the week, and Friday is a hero. But Tuesday is just a day on which things are due." The crowd murmured. Someone shouted, "Vote!" and, much to everyone's surprise, the motion passed forty to six.

The first problem arrived on Monday night. The school bus driver, Ms. Keating, checked her schedule and asked, "If tomorrow is Wednesday, then what happened to the day in between?" Nobody could answer, so the buses ran on Wednesday morning as usual, and half the children missed them because their parents thought it was still Tuesday.

By Thursday the confusion was serious. The bakery sold bread that had been baked on a day that no longer existed. The library's books were due on Tuesday, which meant they were due on no day at all, and a pile of overdue books began to hum with worry. Even the town clock seemed embarrassed. It chimed in the wrong places.

A girl named Wanda Pruitt, who was eleven and sensible, finally stood at the next meeting and said, "We did not cancel Tuesday. We just stopped counting it. The sun still comes up on that day, and we are all still here, only we are not sure what we are doing."

The council voted again. Tuesday returned by a vote of forty-six to nothing, and it came back with a new job. Every Tuesday in Blustery Hollow is now Free Pie Day, and nobody has complained about it since.

Questions

1. Why did Councilman Dorsey say Tuesday should be removed?

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2. How did the first vote turn out?

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3. Why did some children miss the bus?

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4. What problem did the library have?

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5. What point did Wanda Pruitt make at the next meeting?

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6. Why do you think nobody complained about Tuesday after the second vote?

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Words to know

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overdue: late, not returned by the time it was due
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Square group

At the town meeting in Blustery Hollow, Councilman Pip Dorsey climbed onto a chair and delivered an announcement. "Friends, nobody likes Tuesday. Monday has an unfortunate reputation, Wednesday occupies the middle of the week, and Friday is a hero. But Tuesday is merely a day on which things happen to be due." The crowd murmured. Someone shouted, "Vote!" and, much to everyone's astonishment, the motion passed forty to six.

The first difficulty arrived on Monday night. The school bus driver, Ms. Keating, examined her schedule and asked, "If tomorrow is Wednesday, then what became of the day in between?" Nobody could answer her, so the buses ran on Wednesday morning as usual, and half the children missed them because their parents still believed it was Tuesday.

By Thursday the confusion had become serious. The bakery sold bread that had been baked on a day that no longer existed. The library's books were due on Tuesday, which meant they were due on no day at all, and a pile of overdue volumes began to hum with anxiety. Even the town clock seemed embarrassed, chiming at all the wrong moments.

A girl named Wanda Pruitt, who was eleven and remarkably sensible, finally rose at the next meeting and declared, "We did not cancel Tuesday. We merely stopped counting it. The sun still comes up on that day, and we are all still here, only we are not certain what we are supposed to be doing."

The council voted a second time. Tuesday was restored by a tally of forty-six to nothing, and it returned with a brand new responsibility. Every Tuesday in Blustery Hollow is now Free Pie Day, and nobody has complained about it since.

Questions

1. Why did Councilman Dorsey argue that Tuesday should be removed?

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2. How did the first vote turn out?

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3. Why did half the children miss their buses?

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4. What difficulty did the library face?

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5. What point did Wanda Pruitt make at the next meeting?

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6. Why do you think nobody complained about Tuesday after the second vote?

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For the teacher: Blustery Hollow Votes Tuesday Off the Calendar

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

Circle: Blustery Hollow Votes Tuesday Off the Calendar

Easier · 236 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. He said nobody likes it because it is just a day when things are due.
2. The motion passed forty to six.
3. Their parents thought it was still Tuesday.
4. Its books were due on Tuesday, a day that no longer existed.
5. The town had only stopped counting Tuesday, and the day still happened.
6. Tuesday got a fun new job as Free Pie Day.

Triangle: Blustery Hollow Votes Tuesday Off the Calendar

This passage · 274 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.2

1. He said nobody likes it because it is just a day when things are due.
2. The motion passed forty to six.
3. Their parents thought it was still Tuesday.
4. Its books were due on Tuesday, a day that no longer existed.
5. The town had only stopped counting Tuesday, and the day still happened.
6. Tuesday got a new, fun job as Free Pie Day.

Square: Blustery Hollow Votes Tuesday Off the Calendar

Harder · 285 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 8.1

1. He claimed nobody likes it because it is merely a day when things are due.
2. The motion passed forty to six.
3. Their parents still believed it was Tuesday.
4. Its books were due on Tuesday, a day that no longer existed.
5. The town had merely stopped counting Tuesday, but the day still happened.
6. Tuesday received a delightful new responsibility as Free Pie Day.