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The Jam Jar Label Mix-Up on Marlow Street

Circle group

Every Saturday, Odalys Finch sold jam at the Marlow Street market. Her customers lined up early. She made four kinds: strawberry, plum, ginger pear, and a spicy tomato jam. Only a few brave people ever tried the tomato jam.

One Friday night, her cousin Bram offered to print new labels for the jars. He worked fast. He was proud of his neat writing. But he did not see that the stickers were in the wrong order.

The next morning, trouble began. A man bought what he thought was strawberry jam. He spread it on his daughter's toast. It was tomato! The girl took one bite and said it tasted like a pizza that was lost. Then she asked for more toast.

Down the aisle, a woman opened her ginger pear jar for tea. She found plum inside. She was sad, but her husband said plum makes a fine tea too.

Odalys heard the laughing and the grumbling. She knew what had happened. She did not panic. She climbed on a crate and said the jars were a mystery. Every customer got a free taste of whatever was inside. Soon a crowd came. People traded jars with strangers. The market was very loud. Bram said sorry all day, but Odalys just laughed. The next week she sold jars marked "Surprise" on purpose, and every jar was sold.

Questions

1. Who offered to print the labels?

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2. What did the man put on his daughter's toast?

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3. What did the girl say the toast tasted like?

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4. What did Odalys do when she knew about the mix-up?

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5. Why was the market so loud and happy?

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6. Why did Odalys sell jars marked "Surprise" the next week?

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Words to know

customers: people who buy things from a seller
mystery: something that is not known or explained yet

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 Jam Jar Label Mix-Up on Marlow Street

Triangle group

Every Saturday, Odalys Finch sold homemade jam at the Marlow Street market. Her customers lined up before the stall had even opened. She made four flavors: strawberry, plum, ginger pear, and a peppery tomato jam that only a few brave shoppers ever tried. One Friday night, her cousin Bram offered to help by printing fresh labels for every jar. He worked quickly and was proud of his neat handwriting. He never noticed that the stickers had been shuffled into the wrong order.

The next morning, the trouble began. A man bought what he believed was strawberry jam for his daughter's breakfast and spread a thick layer of tomato across her toast. The girl took one bite, announced that it tasted like a pizza that had lost its way, and asked for a second slice. Farther down the aisle, a woman who had saved her ginger pear jar for a special tea discovered plum inside, and she was disappointed until her husband pointed out that plum made an excellent tea anyway.

Odalys heard the laughter and the grumbling and quickly understood what had happened. She did not panic. She climbed onto an empty crate and announced that today's jars were a mystery, and that every customer would receive a free taste of whatever they found inside. By noon a crowd had gathered, strangers were trading jars with one another, and the market had never been so noisy. Bram apologized all afternoon, but Odalys only laughed. The following week she set out a basket of deliberately mislabeled jars marked "Surprise," and she sold every single one before lunch.

Questions

1. Who offered to print the new labels for the jars?

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2. What did the man spread on his daughter's toast?

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3. What did the girl say her toast tasted like?

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4. How did Odalys react when she understood the mix-up?

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5. Why did the market become so noisy and cheerful?

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6. Why did Odalys sell mislabeled jars the following week?

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Words to know

customers: people who buy things from a seller
shuffled: mixed up into a different order
mystery: something that is not known or explained yet
deliberately: done on purpose, not by accident
apologized: said sorry for a mistake

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 Jam Jar Label Mix-Up on Marlow Street

Square group

Every Saturday, Odalys Finch sold her homemade jam at the Marlow Street market, and every Saturday a line of devoted customers formed well before the stall had opened for the day. She made four flavors: strawberry, plum, ginger pear, and a peppery tomato jam that only a handful of adventurous shoppers had ever dared to try. One Friday evening, her cousin Bram volunteered to print a fresh set of labels for every jar. He worked briskly and with considerable pride in his tidy handwriting, and he never noticed that the stickers had been shuffled into entirely the wrong order.

The following morning, the confusion began almost immediately. A man bought what he assumed was strawberry jam for his daughter's breakfast and spread a generous layer of tomato across her toast. The girl took a single bite, declared that it tasted like a pizza that had wandered off course, and cheerfully requested a second slice. Farther along the aisle, a woman who had been saving her ginger pear jar for a special pot of tea opened it to find plum, and she remained disappointed until her husband gently observed that plum made an excellent tea regardless.

Odalys heard the laughter and the grumbling together and grasped at once what had gone wrong. Rather than panicking, she climbed onto an empty crate and announced to the entire market that today's jars were a mystery, and that every customer would receive a free taste of whatever they happened to find inside. By noon an enormous crowd had assembled, perfect strangers were trading jars with one another, and the market had never been so lively. Bram apologized the whole afternoon, but Odalys only laughed. The following week she set out a basket of deliberately mislabeled jars marked "Surprise," and she sold every last one before lunchtime.

Questions

1. Who volunteered to print the new labels for the jars?

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2. What did the man spread across his daughter's toast?

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3. How did the girl describe the taste of her toast?

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4. How did Odalys respond once she grasped what had gone wrong?

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5. What made the market so lively that afternoon?

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6. Why did Odalys deliberately sell mislabeled jars the following week?

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Words to know

customers: people who buy things from a seller
shuffled: mixed up into a different order
mystery: something that is not known or explained yet
deliberately: done on purpose, not by accident
apologized: said sorry for a mistake

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 Jam Jar Label Mix-Up on Marlow Street

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

Circle: The Jam Jar Label Mix-Up on Marlow Street

Easier · 226 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. Bram, Odalys's cousin, offered to print them.
2. He put tomato jam on her toast.
3. She said it tasted like a pizza that was lost.
4. She stayed calm, called the jars a mystery and gave free tastes.
5. People were trading jars and laughing.
6. People had liked the surprise, so she made it a plan.

Triangle: The Jam Jar Label Mix-Up on Marlow Street

This passage · 266 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 8.4

1. Bram, Odalys's cousin, offered to print them.
2. He spread tomato jam on her toast.
3. She said it tasted like a pizza that had lost its way.
4. She stayed calm, called the jars a mystery and offered free tastes.
5. People were trading jars and laughing about the mystery.
6. Customers had enjoyed the surprise, so she turned the mistake into something to sell.

Square: The Jam Jar Label Mix-Up on Marlow Street

Harder · 302 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 12.1

1. Bram, Odalys's cousin, volunteered to print them.
2. He spread a generous layer of tomato jam.
3. She said it tasted like a pizza that had wandered off course.
4. She stayed calm, called the jars a mystery and offered every customer a free taste.
5. Strangers were trading jars and laughing about the mystery.
6. Customers had enjoyed the surprise, so she turned the mistake into a product.