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A Canoe Made from One Log

Circle group

People made boats long ago. One kind was a dugout canoe.

They found a big log. They dug out the middle. The log became a boat.

People sat in the hollow. They paddled on a lake or river. The log floated.

Questions

1. What was the boat made from?

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2. What did people do to the middle?

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3. Where did people sit?

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4. Where did people paddle?

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5. Why is it a dugout canoe?

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Words to know

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paddled: pushed a boat through water with a flat oar

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Triangle group

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First, they found a big, strong log. Then they dug out the middle. The log became a boat with a hollow inside.

People sat in the hollow and paddled across a lake or river. The log floated on top of the water.

Questions

1. What was the boat made from?

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2. What did people do to the middle of the log?

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3. Where did people sit in the canoe?

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4. Where did people paddle the canoe?

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Square group

Many years ago, people built boats in clever ways. One kind of boat was called a dugout canoe.

First, builders searched for a big, strong log. Next, they dug out the middle of it until the log had a hollow space inside, just like a long bowl.

Then people sat in the hollow and paddled across a lake or down a river, while the log floated on top of the water.

Questions

1. What was a dugout canoe made from?

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2. What did the builders do to the middle of the log?

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3. Where did people sit in the canoe?

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4. Where did people paddle the canoe?

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5. Why is this boat called a dugout canoe?

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For the teacher: A Canoe Made from One Log

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

Circle: A Canoe Made from One Log

Easier · 41 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. A big log.
2. They dug it out.
3. In the hollow.
4. On a lake or river.
5. People dug out the log.

Triangle: A Canoe Made from One Log

This passage · 53 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. One big log.
2. They dug it out.
3. In the hollow.
4. Across a lake or river.
5. The people dug out the inside of the log.

Square: A Canoe Made from One Log

Harder · 71 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.9

1. One big, strong log.
2. They dug it out.
3. In the hollow space inside.
4. Across a lake or down a river.
5. Builders dug out the inside of the log to make it.