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Ben's Backwards Day

Circle group

Ben said, "Today is Backwards Day!"

He put his shirt on backwards. He walked backwards to the kitchen.

"Time for supper!" said Ben. He ate eggs. Then he said "Good night" at noon.

Mom laughed. "That is silly. Turn around, Ben! You will bump the door."

Questions

1. What day did Ben say it was?

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2. How did Ben put on his shirt?

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3. How did Ben walk to the kitchen?

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4. What did Mom say about Ben's day?

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5. Why did Mom say to turn around?

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Words to know

backwards: with the back part in front
supper: the meal you eat at the end of the day
silly: funny and not serious

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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Ben's Backwards Day

Triangle group

Ben said, "Today is Backwards Day!"

He put his shirt on backwards. He put his shoes on the wrong feet. He walked backwards to the kitchen.

"Time for supper!" said Ben. He ate eggs for supper. Then he said "Good night" at noon.

Mom laughed. "Your Backwards Day is silly," she said. "Now turn around, Ben. You are about to bump the door."

Questions

1. What kind of day did Ben say it was?

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2. How did Ben put on his shirt?

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3. How did Ben walk to the kitchen?

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4. What did Mom say about Ben's day?

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5. Why did Mom tell Ben to turn around?

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Words to know

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supper: the meal you eat at the end of the day
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Ben's Backwards Day

Square group

Ben woke up and shouted, "Today is Backwards Day!"

He put his shirt on backwards, and he put his shoes on the wrong feet. Then he walked backwards all the way to the kitchen.

"Time for supper!" Ben announced, and he ate eggs for supper in the morning. Later he said "Good night" at noon.

Mom laughed. "Your Backwards Day is very silly," she said. "Now turn around, Ben, before you bump into the door."

Questions

1. What kind of day did Ben announce it was?

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2. How did Ben put on his shirt?

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3. How did Ben get to the kitchen?

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4. What did Mom say about Ben's day?

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5. Why did Mom tell Ben to turn around?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Ben's Backwards Day

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

Circle: Ben's Backwards Day

Easier · 46 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. Backwards Day.
2. Backwards.
3. Backwards.
4. That it was silly.
5. He might bump the door.

Triangle: Ben's Backwards Day

This passage · 63 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Backwards Day.
2. Backwards.
3. Backwards.
4. That it was silly.
5. He was walking backwards and might bump the door.

Square: Ben's Backwards Day

Harder · 75 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. Backwards Day.
2. Backwards.
3. He walked backwards.
4. That it was very silly.
5. He was walking backwards and might bump into the door.