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Blast Off with the Countdown

Circle group

A rocket sits on the ground. People count. Ten, nine, eight.

At zero, the rocket makes fire and smoke. The fire pushes down. The rocket goes up!

It goes fast. It goes past the clouds. It is in space.

Questions

1. What do people do before the rocket goes?

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_____

2. What number do they stop at?

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3. What does the rocket make at zero?

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4. Which way does the fire push?

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5. What happens when the fire pushes down?

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Words to know

rocket: a tall machine that flies into space
count: to say numbers one by one
smoke: gray cloud that comes from a fire
clouds: white or gray puffs in the sky

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

A rocket sits on the ground. People count down. Ten, nine, eight, seven.

At zero, the rocket makes a lot of fire and smoke. The fire pushes down. The rocket goes up!

It goes up fast. Soon it is past the clouds. The rocket is in space.

Questions

1. What do people do before the rocket goes?

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2. What number do they stop at?

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_____

3. What does the rocket make at zero?

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4. Which way does the fire push?

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5. What happens because the fire pushes down?

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Square group

A tall rocket sits quietly on the ground while people count down the seconds. Ten, nine, eight, seven.

When they reach zero, the rocket makes a huge amount of fire and smoke. The fire pushes down hard, and that push sends the rocket up!

It rises very fast. Soon it has passed the clouds and is far up in space.

Questions

1. What do people do before the rocket leaves?

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2. What number do they reach at the end?

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3. What does the rocket make at zero?

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4. Which way does the fire push?

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5. What sends the rocket up?

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For the teacher: Blast Off with the Countdown

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

Circle: Blast Off with the Countdown

Easier · 39 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. They count.
2. Zero.
3. Fire and smoke.
4. Down.
5. The rocket goes up.

Triangle: Blast Off with the Countdown

This passage · 47 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. They count down.
2. Zero.
3. A lot of fire and smoke.
4. Down.
5. The rocket goes up.

Square: Blast Off with the Countdown

Harder · 60 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. They count down the seconds.
2. Zero.
3. A huge amount of fire and smoke.
4. Down.
5. The hard push of the fire going down.