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Clues in the Snow Garden

Circle group

Snow was on the garden. Ari saw tiny marks. They looked like little hands.

"A clue!" said Ari. She followed the marks. They went up to the bird feeder.

The seeds were gone. A fat squirrel sat on top. He had seeds in his cheeks!

"You took the seeds," said Ari. She laughed. She filled the feeder.

Questions

1. What was on the garden?

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2. What did the marks look like?

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3. Where did the marks go?

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4. What did Ari do at the end?

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5. How did Ari know it was the squirrel?

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Words to know

clue: a small sign that helps you solve a puzzle
garden: a place where flowers or plants grow
feeder: a small box that holds food for birds
squirrel: a small animal with a bushy tail

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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Clues in the Snow Garden

Triangle group

Snow covered the garden. Ari saw tiny marks in it. They were small, like little hands.

"A clue!" said Ari. She followed the marks. They went past the bench. They went up to the bird feeder.

The seeds were gone. A fat squirrel sat on top. He had seeds in his cheeks!

"So you are the seed thief," said Ari. She laughed and filled the feeder again.

Questions

1. What covered the garden?

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2. What did the marks look like?

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3. Where did the marks go?

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Clues in the Snow Garden

Square group

Fresh snow blanketed the whole garden. Ari spotted a trail of tiny marks that looked like little hands.

"A clue!" she cried. Ari followed the marks past the wooden bench and right up to the bird feeder.

All of the seeds had disappeared. A plump squirrel sat on top of the feeder, and his cheeks were stuffed with seeds!

"So you are the seed thief," said Ari. She laughed, and then she filled the feeder once more.

Questions

1. What blanketed the whole garden?

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2. What did the tiny marks look like?

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3. Where did the trail of marks lead?

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4. What did Ari do after she laughed?

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5. How did Ari know the squirrel was the thief?

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For the teacher: Clues in the Snow Garden

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

Circle: Clues in the Snow Garden

Easier · 57 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

1. Snow.
2. Little hands.
3. Up to the bird feeder.
4. She filled the feeder.
5. He had seeds in his cheeks.

Triangle: Clues in the Snow Garden

This passage · 67 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. Snow.
2. Little hands.
3. Up to the bird feeder.
4. She filled the feeder again.
5. He had seeds in his cheeks and sat on the feeder.

Square: Clues in the Snow Garden

Harder · 77 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.3

1. Fresh snow.
2. Little hands.
3. Right up to the bird feeder.
4. She filled the feeder once more.
5. His cheeks were stuffed with seeds and he sat on the feeder.