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Crab's Crooked Walk

Circle group

Little Crab walked sideways. The other crabs did too. But she felt silly.

A gull laughed. "Walk straight!" Crab tried. She fell in the sand. Flop!

A wave came. Sideways, she zipped to a rock. "My walk is good for me," she said.

Questions

1. How did Little Crab walk?

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2. Who laughed at her?

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3. What happened when she tried to walk straight?

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4. Where did she zip when the wave came?

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5. Why was her walk good for her?

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Words to know

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sideways: toward the side instead of the front
gull: a gray and white bird that lives near the sea
wave: a moving line of water in the sea

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.
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Crab's Crooked Walk

Triangle group

Little Crab walked sideways. The other crabs walked sideways too, but Little Crab felt silly.

A gull laughed. "Walk straight!" Little Crab tried. She fell in the sand. Flop!

Then a wave came in. Sideways, she zipped to a rock, quick as a wink. "My walk is just right for me," she said.

Questions

1. How did Little Crab walk?

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2. Who laughed at her?

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3. What happened when she tried to walk straight?

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4. Where did she zip when the wave came?

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5. Why did Little Crab say her walk was just right?

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Crab's Crooked Walk

Square group

Little Crab always walked sideways, just as all of the other crabs did, but she still felt a little bit silly about it.

A seagull laughed at her. "Walk straight!" he squawked. Little Crab tried, but she tumbled into the sand. Flop!

Then a big wave rolled in. Sideways, she zipped to a rock as quick as a wink. "My walk is just right for me," she said proudly.

Questions

1. How did Little Crab always walk?

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2. Who laughed at her and squawked?

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3. What happened when she tried to walk straight?

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4. Where did she zip when the big wave rolled in?

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5. Why did Little Crab say her walk was just right?

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For the teacher: Crab's Crooked Walk

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

Circle: Crab's Crooked Walk

Easier · 43 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. Sideways.
2. A gull.
3. She fell in the sand.
4. To a rock.
5. It got her to safety fast.

Triangle: Crab's Crooked Walk

This passage · 53 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. Sideways.
2. A gull.
3. She fell in the sand.
4. To a rock.
5. Walking sideways helped her get to safety fast.

Square: Crab's Crooked Walk

Harder · 69 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. Sideways.
2. A seagull.
3. She tumbled into the sand.
4. To a rock.
5. Walking sideways let her reach safety quickly.