Name: _____ Date: _____

Dad Says Pickle for Pillow

Circle group

It was bedtime. Dad was sleepy.

"Time to brush your pillow," he said.

"Dad!" said Lu. "You brush teeth."

"Right. Now put your head on the pickle."

Lu giggled. "A pillow, Dad!"

"Oh my," said Dad. "I need to sleep too." He gave Lu a hug.

Questions

1. What time of day was it?

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2. What did Dad say to brush?

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3. What did Dad say to put her head on?

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4. What did Lu do when Dad made a mistake?

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5. Why did Dad mix up his words?

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Words to know

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pillow: a soft thing you rest your head on
sleepy: ready to go to sleep

giggle: to laugh in a small, silly way

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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Dad Says Pickle for Pillow

Triangle group

It was bedtime. Dad was very sleepy.

"Time to brush your pillow," he said.

"Dad!" said Lu. "You brush teeth."

"Right," said Dad. "Now put your head on the pickle."

Lu giggled. "A pillow, Dad! Not a pickle!"

"Oh my," said Dad. "I need to sleep too." Lu gave him a hug. Then he gave her a kiss. "Good night, my sweet pickle," he said.

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Dad Says Pickle for Pillow

Square group

It was bedtime, and Dad was so sleepy that his words got tangled.

"Time to brush your pillow," he said.

"Dad!" said Lu. "You are supposed to brush your teeth."

"Right," said Dad. "Now put your head on the pickle."

Lu giggled. "A pillow, Dad! Not a pickle!"

"Oh my," said Dad with a yawn. "I need to sleep too." Lu gave him a big hug, and he whispered, "Good night, my sweet pickle."

Questions

1. What time of day was it?

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2. What did Dad say to brush?

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3. What did Dad tell Lu to put her head on?

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4. How did Lu react to Dad's mistake?

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5. Why did Dad's words get tangled?

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For the teacher: Dad Says Pickle for Pillow

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

Circle: Dad Says Pickle for Pillow

Easier · 46 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1

1. Bedtime.
2. The pillow.
3. A pickle.
4. She giggled.
5. He was sleepy.

Triangle: Dad Says Pickle for Pillow

This passage · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.6

1. Bedtime.
2. The pillow.
3. A pickle.
4. She giggled.
5. He was very sleepy.

Square: Dad Says Pickle for Pillow

Harder · 74 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

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2. The pillow.
3. A pickle.
4. She giggled.
5. He was very sleepy.