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The Ferry Captain Crosses the Bay

Circle group

A ferry is a big boat. It takes people and cars over the water. There is no bridge.

The captain steers. A deckhand ties the ropes. Cars drive on. People walk on.

Toot! The ferry goes over the waves. It bumps the dock.

Questions

1. What does a ferry take over the water?

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2. Who steers the ferry?

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3. What does the deckhand do?

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4. What sound does the horn make?

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5. Why does the ferry help people?

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Words to know

ferry: a boat that carries people and cars across water
captain: the person in charge of a boat
dock: a place where boats stop and tie up
steer: to point a boat or car the way you want it to go

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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The Ferry Captain Crosses the Bay

Triangle group

A ferry is a big boat. It takes people and cars across the water. There is no bridge, so the ferry helps.

The captain steers the ferry. A deckhand ties the ropes. Cars drive on. People walk on.

The horn goes toot. The ferry slides over the waves. Soon it bumps the dock on the other side.

Questions

1. What does a ferry carry across the water?

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2. Who steers the ferry?

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3. What does the deckhand do?

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4. What sound does the horn make?

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5. Why do people take a ferry?

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Square group

A ferry is a large boat that carries people and cars across the water. Because there is no bridge, the ferry is the only way to get to the other side.

The captain steers the ferry while a deckhand ties up the thick ropes. First the cars drive aboard, and then the people walk on.

With a loud toot of its horn, the ferry glides over the waves. Before long, it gently bumps the dock on the far side of the bay.

Questions

1. What does a ferry carry across the water?

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2. Who steers the ferry?

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3. What does the deckhand tie up?

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4. What makes a loud toot?

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5. Why do people need the ferry?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Ferry Captain Crosses the Bay

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

Circle: The Ferry Captain Crosses the Bay

Easier · 43 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. People and cars.
2. The captain.
3. Ties the ropes.
4. Toot.
5. There is no bridge, so the ferry gets them across.

Triangle: The Ferry Captain Crosses the Bay

This passage · 57 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. People and cars.
2. The captain.
3. The deckhand ties the ropes.
4. Toot.
5. There is no bridge, so the ferry is the way to get across the water.

Square: The Ferry Captain Crosses the Bay

Harder · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.6

1. People and cars.
2. The captain.
3. The thick ropes.
4. The ferry's horn.
5. There is no bridge, so it is the only way to cross the water.