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Fixing a Flat Bike Tire

Circle group

Ben rides his bike. Pssst! The tire is flat. He walks to a bike shop.

The mechanic finds a tiny hole. She puts a patch on it. A patch is like a sticker.

She pumps air in. The tire is round. Ben can ride.

Questions

1. What happens to the tire?

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2. Where does Ben go?

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3. What does the mechanic put on the hole?

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4. What does she pump in?

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5. Why did the tire go flat?

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Words to know

flat: with no air inside, not round
mechanic: a person who fixes machines
patch: a small piece that covers a hole
pump: to push air into something

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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Fixing a Flat Bike Tire

Triangle group

Ben rides his bike. Pssst! The tire goes flat. He walks the bike to a bike shop.

The mechanic takes off the tire. She finds a tiny hole. She puts a patch on the hole. The patch is like a sticker.

Then she pumps air into the tire. The tire gets round and hard. Ben can ride again.

Questions

1. What happens to Ben's tire?

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2. Where does Ben take the bike?

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3. What does the mechanic put on the hole?

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4. What does she pump into the tire?

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5. Why was the tire flat?

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Square group

Ben is riding his bike when, with a loud pssst, the tire goes flat. He walks the bike all the way to a bike shop.

The mechanic removes the tire and searches until she finds a tiny hole. She covers the hole with a patch, which works a bit like a sticker.

Then she pumps fresh air into the tire until it is round and firm again. Now Ben can ride his bike wherever he wants.

Questions

1. What happens to Ben's tire while he rides?

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2. Where does Ben walk his bike?

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3. What does the mechanic cover the hole with?

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4. What does she pump into the tire?

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5. Why did the air go out of the tire?

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For the teacher: Fixing a Flat Bike Tire

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

Circle: Fixing a Flat Bike Tire

Easier · 44 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. It goes flat.
2. To a bike shop.
3. A patch.
4. Air.
5. It had a tiny hole, so the air came out.

Triangle: Fixing a Flat Bike Tire

This passage · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. It goes flat.
2. To a bike shop.
3. A patch.
4. Air.
5. It had a tiny hole, so the air leaked out.

Square: Fixing a Flat Bike Tire

Harder · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. It goes flat.
2. To a bike shop.
3. A patch.
4. Fresh air.
5. There was a tiny hole in it, so the air leaked out.