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Why the Globe Is Blue and Green

Circle group

A globe is a round map. It looks like our Earth. It can spin.

Most of a globe is blue. Blue is the sea.

Green and brown are land. We live on land.

Spin the globe. Find the blue. Find the land.

Questions

1. What shape is a globe?

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2. What is blue on a globe?

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3. What are green and brown?

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4. Can a globe spin?

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5. Do we live in the sea or on land?

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Words to know

globe: a round map shaped like the Earth
spin: to turn around and around
sea: a big body of salty water
land: the dry part of the Earth

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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Why the Globe Is Blue and Green

Triangle group

A globe is a round map. It is shaped like our Earth. It can spin.

Most of a globe is blue. The blue is water. The water is the sea.

Some parts are green or brown. Those parts are land. We live on the land.

Spin the globe. Point to the blue. Point to the land.

Questions

1. What shape is a globe?

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2. What is the blue on a globe?

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3. What do the green and brown parts show?

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4. Can a globe spin?

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5. Where do we live on the globe?

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Words to know

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Why the Globe Is Blue and Green

Square group

A globe is a round map that is shaped like our planet Earth. Because it is round, it can spin in your hands.

Most of a globe is painted blue, and the blue shows the sea. The green and brown parts show the land where people live.

Spin the globe slowly. Point to the blue water, and then point to the land where you live.

Questions

1. What shape is a globe, and what does it look like?

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2. What does the blue color show on a globe?

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3. What do the green and brown parts show?

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4. What can you do with a globe because it is round?

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5. Why do people point to the land part to find their home?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Why the Globe Is Blue and Green

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

Circle: Why the Globe Is Blue and Green

Easier · 42 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -2.1

1. Round.
2. The sea.
3. Land.
4. Yes, it spins.
5. On land.

Triangle: Why the Globe Is Blue and Green

This passage · 56 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.5

1. Round, like the Earth.
2. Water, the sea.
3. Land.
4. Yes, it can spin.
5. On the land, not in the sea.

Square: Why the Globe Is Blue and Green

Harder · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. It is round and looks like the Earth.
2. The sea.
3. Land.
4. Spin it.
5. People live on land, not in the sea.