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Grandpa's Bean as Big as a Barn

Circle group

Grandpa told me a tale. "I grew a bean," he said. "It was as big as a barn!"

"No way," I said.

"It was too big for the pot. We used a tub. The whole town had bean soup!"

I grinned. "Was it good?"

"The best," said Grandpa.

Questions

1. What did Grandpa say he grew?

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2. What was too big for the pot?

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3. Who had bean soup?

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4. What did Grandpa use to cook the bean?

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5. Was the bean really that big?

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Words to know

barn: a big building on a farm
tale: a story
tub: a big, wide pot or bath
grin: to smile a big smile

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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Grandpa's Bean as Big as a Barn

Triangle group

Grandpa told me a tale. "I grew a bean," he said. "It was as big as a barn!"

"No way," I said.

"It is true," said Grandpa. "It was too big for the pot. We used a big, big tub. Then we all had bean soup. The whole town did!"

I grinned. "Was it good?"

"The best," said Grandpa.

Questions

1. What did Grandpa say he grew?

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2. What was too big for the pot?

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3. Who had bean soup?

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4. What did Grandpa use to cook the bean?

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5. Do you think the bean was really that big? Why?

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Grandpa's Bean as Big as a Barn

Square group

Grandpa leaned back in his chair and told me a tale. "Once I grew a bean," he said, "and it was as big as a barn!"

"No way," I said with a laugh.

"It is the truth," said Grandpa. "That bean was too big for any pot, so we cooked it in an enormous tub. Then the whole town sat down to bean soup."

I grinned. "Was it good?"

"The best I ever tasted," said Grandpa.

Questions

1. What did Grandpa say he once grew?

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2. Why could the bean not be cooked in a pot?

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3. Who sat down to bean soup?

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4. What did they cook the bean in?

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5. Do you believe Grandpa's story? Why or why not?

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For the teacher: Grandpa's Bean as Big as a Barn

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

Circle: Grandpa's Bean as Big as a Barn

Easier · 48 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. A bean as big as a barn.
2. The bean.
3. The whole town.
4. A tub.
5. No. Grandpa was telling a made-up tale for fun.

Triangle: Grandpa's Bean as Big as a Barn

This passage · 59 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. A bean as big as a barn.
2. The bean.
3. The whole town.
4. A big tub.
5. No. Grandpa was telling a made-up tall tale for fun.

Square: Grandpa's Bean as Big as a Barn

Harder · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. A bean as big as a barn.
2. It was too big for any pot.
3. The whole town.
4. An enormous tub.
5. No. It is a made-up tall tale that he tells for fun.