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How an Umbrella Pops Open

Circle group

An umbrella has thin arms. Cloth is on the arms.

Push the button. Pop! The cloth opens wide. Rain hits the cloth. It drips off.

Fold the arms when the rain stops. It fits in a bag.

Questions

1. What is under the cloth?

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2. What do you push to open it?

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3. What happens to rain on the cloth?

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4. Where can a folded umbrella fit?

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5. Why do you stay dry under an umbrella?

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Words to know

umbrella: something you hold over you to keep off rain

fold: to bend something to make it smaller

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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How an Umbrella Pops Open

Triangle group

An umbrella has thin metal arms. Cloth is stretched over the arms.

Push the button. Pop! The arms spread out and the cloth opens wide. Rain hits the cloth and drips off.

When the rain stops, fold the arms. The umbrella is small. It fits in a bag.

Questions

1. What is under the cloth of an umbrella?

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2. What do you push to open it?

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3. What happens to rain that hits the cloth?

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4. Where can a folded umbrella fit?

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5. Why do you stay dry under an umbrella?

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Words to know

umbrella: something you hold over you to keep off rain
metal: a hard, strong stuff like iron
spread: to open out wide
fold: to bend something to make it smaller

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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How an Umbrella Pops Open

Square group

An umbrella is built from thin metal arms with a piece of cloth stretched tightly over them.

When you push the button, the umbrella pops open. The arms spread outward, and the cloth opens wide above your head. Rain lands on the cloth and drips off the edges.

When the rain stops, you can fold the arms back together. The umbrella becomes small enough to fit inside a bag.

Questions

1. What is stretched over the thin metal arms?

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2. What do you push to make the umbrella pop open?

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3. What does the rain do after it lands on the cloth?

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4. How small can a folded umbrella get?

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5. Why does an umbrella keep a person dry?

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Words to know

umbrella: something you hold over you to keep off rain
metal: a hard, strong stuff like iron
spread: to open out wide
fold: to bend something to make it smaller

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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For the teacher: How an Umbrella Pops Open

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

Circle: How an Umbrella Pops Open

Easier · 37 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. Thin arms.
2. The button.
3. It drips off.
4. In a bag.
5. The cloth stops the rain.

Triangle: How an Umbrella Pops Open

This passage · 48 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. Thin metal arms.
2. The button.
3. It drips off.
4. In a bag.
5. The cloth stops the rain from reaching you.

Square: How an Umbrella Pops Open

Harder · 69 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.1

1. A piece of cloth.
2. The button.
3. It drips off the edges.
4. Small enough to fit inside a bag.
5. The cloth stops the rain from reaching the person.