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An Island Has Water All Around

Circle group

An island is land. Water is all around it. You stand on the sand. You see the sea on every side.

To get to an island, you need a boat. Some have a bridge. Some have a plane.

Some islands are small. A few trees grow there. Some are big. Many people live there.

Questions

1. What is all around an island?

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2. How can you get to an island?

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3. What grows on a small island?

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4. Who lives on a big island?

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5. Why do you need a boat or plane?

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Words to know

island: land with water all around it
sand: tiny bits of rock on a beach
side: one edge of a thing
plane: a machine that flies in the sky

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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An Island Has Water All Around

Triangle group

An island is land. Water is all around it. You can stand on the sand and look. You see the sea on every side.

To get to an island, you need a boat. Some islands have a bridge. Some have a plane.

Some islands are small. A few trees grow there. Some islands are big. Many people live there.

Questions

1. What is all around an island?

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2. How can you get to an island?

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3. What grows on a small island?

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4. Who lives on a big island?

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5. Why can't you walk to an island with no bridge?

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Words to know

island: land with water all around it
sand: tiny bits of rock on a beach
side: one edge of a thing
plane: a machine that flies in the sky

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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An Island Has Water All Around

Square group

An island is a piece of land with water all around it. If you stand on the sand, you can see the sea on every side.

To reach an island, you usually need a boat. A few islands have a bridge, and some have a place for a plane to land.

Some islands are tiny, with only a few trees. Others are so big that many people live there.

Questions

1. What surrounds an island on every side?

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2. What do you usually need to reach an island?

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3. What grows on a tiny island?

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4. Who lives on a very big island?

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5. Why can you not just walk to an island that has no bridge?

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Words to know

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plane: a machine that flies in the sky

Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: An Island Has Water All Around

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

Circle: An Island Has Water All Around

Easier · 54 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. Water.
2. By boat, bridge or plane.
3. A few trees.
4. Many people.
5. Water is all around.

Triangle: An Island Has Water All Around

This passage · 59 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. Water.
2. By boat, bridge or plane.
3. A few trees.
4. Many people.
5. The water is all around it, so you need a boat or a plane.

Square: An Island Has Water All Around

Harder · 69 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. Water.
2. A boat.
3. Only a few trees.
4. Many people.
5. Water surrounds it, so you must go by boat or plane.