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A Locksmith Copies a Key

Circle group

Mia has one house key. She loses it. Her dad takes the key to a locksmith.

The locksmith puts the key in a machine. A new key goes in too. The machine cuts bumps in the new key.

Now there are two keys. Mia keeps one. Her dad keeps one.

Questions

1. Who takes the key to the locksmith?

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2. What goes in the machine with the key?

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3. What does the machine cut in the new key?

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4. How many keys are there at the end?

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5. Why is it good to have two keys?

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Words to know

locksmith: a person who makes keys and fixes locks

machine: a tool with moving parts that does a job

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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A Locksmith Copies a Key

Triangle group

Mia loses her house key. She has only one. Her dad takes it to a locksmith.

The locksmith puts the key in a machine. A new blank key goes in too. The machine cuts the same bumps and dips into the new key.

Now there are two keys. Mia keeps one safe. Her dad keeps one too.

Questions

1. Who takes the key to the locksmith?

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2. What goes in the machine with the key?

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3. What does the machine cut into the new key?

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4. How many keys are there at the end?

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5. Why is it good to have two keys?

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Words to know

locksmith: a person who makes keys and fixes locks
blank: not yet cut, with nothing on it
machine: a tool with moving parts that does a job
dips: low spots that go down

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Square group

Mia loses her house key, and it is the only one her family has. Her dad carries it to a locksmith, a person who makes keys and repairs locks.

The locksmith clamps the key into a machine beside a new, blank key. As the machine runs, it cuts the very same bumps and dips into the blank key.

Now the family has two keys that work. Mia keeps one in a safe place, and her dad keeps the other one for himself.

Questions

1. Who carries the key to the locksmith?

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2. What sits beside the key in the machine?

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3. What does the machine cut into the blank key?

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4. How many working keys does the family have at the end?

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5. Why is it smart for the family to have two keys now?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: A Locksmith Copies a Key

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

Circle: A Locksmith Copies a Key

Easier · 50 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.4

1. Mia's dad.
2. A new key.
3. Bumps, the same as the first key.
4. Two keys.
5. If one key is lost, the other one still opens the door.

Triangle: A Locksmith Copies a Key

This passage · 57 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. Mia's dad.
2. A new blank key.
3. The same bumps and dips.
4. Two keys.
5. If one key gets lost, there is still another one to open the door.

Square: A Locksmith Copies a Key

Harder · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.3

1. Mia's dad.
2. A new, blank key.
3. The very same bumps and dips.
4. Two keys.
5. If one key gets lost, they still have another key to open the door.