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# Max and the Hiccup Baby

Circle group

Max has a new baby. It is his sister. She is tiny. She naps. She cries. Mom is busy.

Max feels sad.

One night the baby has hiccups. Hic! Hic! Mom is tired.

Max makes a silly face. The baby stares. She smiles, and the hiccups stop.

"Good job, big brother," says Mom.

## Questions

**1. Who is new at Max's home?**

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**2. What does the baby get one night?**

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**3. What does Max do to help?**

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**4. What does Mom call Max?**

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**5. Why does Max feel left out?**

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## Words to know

hiccup: a quick little jump in your chest that makes a sound
tiny: very small
silly: funny and not serious

## 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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# Max and the Hiccup Baby

Triangle group

Max has a new baby sister. She is tiny, and she sleeps and cries a lot. Mom is busy with her all day.

Max feels left out.

One night the baby gets the hiccups. Hic! Hic! She frowns. Mom looks tired.

Max makes a silly face. Hic! The baby stares at him. Max sticks out his tongue. The baby smiles, and the hiccups stop.

"You are a great big brother," says Mom.

## Questions

**1. Who is new in Max's home?**

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**2. What does the baby get one night?**

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**3. What does Max do to help?**

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**4. What does Mom call Max at the end?**

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**5. Why does Max feel left out at first?**

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## Words to know

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tiny: very small
frown: to look sad or upset

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## Talk together (every group has these)

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# Max and the Hiccup Baby

Square group

Max has a brand new baby sister. She is very tiny, and all she does is sleep and cry. Mom is busy with her all day long.

Max feels left out and a little bit lonely.

One night the baby gets the hiccups. Hic! Hic! She frowns, and Mom looks so tired.

Max makes the silliest face he can. The baby stares at him with wide eyes. Then she smiles, and her hiccups stop.

"You are a wonderful big brother," says Mom.

## Questions

**1. Who is the new person in Max's home?**

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**2. What does the baby get one night?**

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**3. What does Max do to help the baby?**

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**4. What does Mom say Max is?**

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**5. Why does Max feel left out and lonely at first?**

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## Words to know

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## Talk together (every group has these)

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# For the teacher: Max and the Hiccup Baby

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

### Circle: Max and the Hiccup Baby

Easier · 53 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. A baby sister.
2. The hiccups.
3. He makes a silly face.
4. Big brother.
5. Mom is busy with the baby.

### Triangle: Max and the Hiccup Baby

This passage · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.2

1. A baby sister.
2. The hiccups.
3. He makes silly faces.
4. A great big brother.
5. Mom is busy with the baby all day.

### Square: Max and the Hiccup Baby

Harder · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. His baby sister.
2. The hiccups.
3. He makes the silliest face he can.
4. A wonderful big brother.
5. Mom is busy with the baby all day long.