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From a Mountain Drip to the Sea

Circle group

A river starts small. High on a hill, rain drips. It makes a tiny stream.

The stream runs down. It joins more streams. Now it is a river.

The river runs by fields and towns. Water flows down.

The river reaches the sea.

Questions

1. How does a river start?

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2. What makes the stream bigger?

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3. Which way does water flow?

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4. Where does the river end?

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5. Why does the river keep moving?

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Words to know

river: a long stream of water that runs to the sea
stream: a small flow of water
flow: to move along like water
town: a place where many people live

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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Triangle group

A river starts small. High on a hill, rain drips into a tiny stream.

The stream runs down. It joins other streams. Now it is bigger. Now it is a river.

The river runs past fields and towns. Water always flows down.

At last, the river reaches the sea.

Questions

1. How does a river start?

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2. What makes the stream bigger?

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3. Which way does water flow?

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4. Where does the river end?

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Square group

Every river begins as something very small. High on a hill, rain drips into a tiny stream.

The stream tumbles downhill and joins other streams along the way. Little by little it grows wider, and now it is a river.

The river winds past green fields and busy towns, because water always flows downhill. At last, the river reaches the sea.

Questions

1. How does every river begin?

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2. What makes the stream grow wider?

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3. Which direction does water always flow?

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4. Where does the river finally end?

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5. Why does a river keep traveling toward the sea?

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For the teacher: From a Mountain Drip to the Sea

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

Circle: From a Mountain Drip to the Sea

Easier · 43 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. As a tiny stream on a hill.
2. More streams join it.
3. Down.
4. At the sea.
5. Water flows down.

Triangle: From a Mountain Drip to the Sea

This passage · 49 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. As a tiny stream high on a hill.
2. It joins other streams.
3. Down.
4. At the sea.
5. Water flows down, so the river runs downhill toward the sea.

Square: From a Mountain Drip to the Sea

Harder · 61 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5

1. As a tiny stream on a hill, fed by rain.
2. It joins other streams along the way.
3. Downhill.
4. At the sea.
5. Water flows downhill, and the sea is at the bottom.