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Mushrooms Are Not Plants

Circle group

A mushroom is not a plant. It is a fungus. It has no leaves.

It grows in damp, shady places. It cannot make food from the sun.

Never eat a wild mushroom. Ask a grown-up first.

Questions

1. What is a mushroom?

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2. Does a mushroom have leaves?

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3. Where does a mushroom grow?

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4. What should you never eat?

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5. Why ask a grown-up first?

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Words to know

mushroom: a fungus with a round cap on a stem
fungus: a living thing that is not a plant or an animal
damp: a little bit wet
shady: out of the bright sun
wild: growing outside by itself

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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Mushrooms Are Not Plants

Triangle group

A mushroom is not a plant. It is a fungus. It has no leaves and no flowers.

A mushroom cannot make food from the sun. It grows in damp, shady places, like the floor of a forest.

Some mushrooms are food from the store. Never eat a wild mushroom. Ask a grown-up first.

Questions

1. What is a mushroom?

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Mushrooms Are Not Plants

Square group

A mushroom may look like a little plant, but it is not one. It is a kind of living thing called a fungus, and it has no leaves or flowers.

Unlike a plant, a mushroom cannot make food from sunshine. It grows in damp, shady places, such as the floor of a forest.

Some mushrooms sold at the store are good to eat. But you should never eat a wild mushroom without asking a grown-up first.

Questions

1. What kind of living thing is a mushroom?

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2. What parts does a mushroom not have?

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3. Where does a mushroom grow?

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4. What should you never eat without asking a grown-up?

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5. Why must you ask a grown-up before eating a wild mushroom?

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For the teacher: Mushrooms Are Not Plants

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

Circle: Mushrooms Are Not Plants

Easier · 37 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. A fungus.
2. No, it has no leaves.
3. In damp, shady places.
4. A wild mushroom.
5. Some wild mushrooms are not safe.

Triangle: Mushrooms Are Not Plants

This passage · 54 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. A fungus, not a plant.
2. No, it has no leaves and no flowers.
3. In damp, shady places.
4. A wild mushroom.
5. Some wild mushrooms are not safe to eat.

Square: Mushrooms Are Not Plants

Harder · 77 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

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2. Leaves or flowers.
3. In damp, shady places, such as a forest floor.
4. A wild mushroom.
5. Some wild mushrooms are not safe to eat.