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Nana's Button Jar

Circle group

Nana has a big jar of buttons. Red ones, blue ones, and a shiny gold one.

Lily visits Nana on rainy days. They tip the jar on the rug. Click, clack!

They sort the buttons. Lily makes a cat. Nana makes a boat.

Nana lets Lily pick one. Lily picks the gold one. She keeps it to think of Nana.

Questions

1. What is in Nana's jar?

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2. When does Lily visit Nana?

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3. What does Lily make?

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4. Which button does Lily pick?

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5. Why does Lily keep the button?

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Words to know

button: a small round thing that holds clothes shut
shiny: bright, like a light is on it
sort: to put things into groups
rug: a soft mat on the floor

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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Nana's Button Jar

Triangle group

Nana has a big jar. It is full of buttons. Red ones, blue ones, and one shiny gold one.

Lily visits Nana on rainy days. They tip the jar on the rug. Click, clack!

They sort the buttons in rows. Lily makes a button cat. Nana makes a button boat.

When it is time to go home, Nana lets Lily pick one. Lily picks the gold one. She keeps it in her pocket to remember Nana.

Questions

1. What is in Nana's jar?

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2. When does Lily visit Nana?

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3. What does Lily make with the buttons?

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4. Which button does Lily pick?

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5. Why does Lily keep the button in her pocket?

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Nana's Button Jar

Square group

Nana keeps a big glass jar that is full to the top with buttons. There are red ones and blue ones, and there is one shiny gold one.

Lily visits Nana whenever the weather is rainy. Together they tip the jar onto the rug and listen to the buttons go click, clack!

They sort the buttons into neat rows. Lily builds a button cat, and Nana builds a button boat.

When it is time to go home, Nana lets Lily choose one button to keep. Lily chooses the gold one and tucks it into her pocket, so that she can remember Nana.

Questions

1. What does Nana keep in her big glass jar?

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2. When does Lily visit Nana?

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3. What does Lily build with the buttons?

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4. Which button does Lily choose to keep?

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5. Why does Lily tuck the button into her pocket?

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For the teacher: Nana's Button Jar

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

Circle: Nana's Button Jar

Easier · 60 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. Buttons.
2. On rainy days.
3. A cat.
4. The gold one.
5. It helps her think of Nana.

Triangle: Nana's Button Jar

This passage · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. Buttons.
2. On rainy days.
3. A button cat.
4. The gold one.
5. It helps her remember Nana.

Square: Nana's Button Jar

Harder · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. Buttons.
2. Whenever the weather is rainy.
3. A button cat.
4. The shiny gold one.
5. She wants to remember Nana.