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Nib the Robot and the Squeaky Wheel

Circle group

Nib was a robot. Nib had one wheel. Squeak, squeak! The wheel was loud.

The cat ran off. The birds flew off. Nib was sad.

Gran had a can of oil. She put a drop on the wheel.

Nib rolled. No squeak! The cat came back. The birds came back.

Questions

1. How many wheels did Nib have?

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2. What sound did the wheel make?

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3. What did Gran put on the wheel?

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4. Who came back?

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5. Why did the cat and birds come back?

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Words to know

robot: a machine that can move and do jobs
wheel: a round thing that turns so you can roll
squeak: a short, high sound
oil: a slick liquid that helps parts move

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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Nib the Robot and the Squeaky Wheel

Triangle group

Nib was a robot with one wheel. Squeak, squeak, squeak! The wheel made a loud noise.

The cat ran away. The birds flew off. Nib felt sad.

Then Nib met Gran. Gran had a small can of oil. She put one drop on the wheel.

Nib rolled. No squeak! The cat came back. The birds came back too.

Questions

1. How many wheels did Nib have?

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2. What noise did the wheel make?

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3. What did Gran put on the wheel?

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4. Who came back at the end?

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5. Why did the cat and birds come back?

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Nib the Robot and the Squeaky Wheel

Square group

Nib was a friendly robot with just one wheel. Squeak, squeak, squeak! The wheel made a terribly loud noise whenever Nib rolled.

The cat ran away, and the birds flew off. Nib felt very sad.

Then Nib met Gran, who was carrying a small can of oil. She carefully put one drop on the wheel.

Nib rolled along without a single squeak. Soon the cat returned, and the birds came back too.

Questions

1. How many wheels did Nib the robot have?

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2. What kind of noise did the wheel make?

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3. What did Gran put on the wheel?

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4. Who returned at the end of the story?

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5. Why did the cat and the birds return?

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For the teacher: Nib the Robot and the Squeaky Wheel

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

Circle: Nib the Robot and the Squeaky Wheel

Easier · 50 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -2

1. One wheel.
2. A squeak.
3. A drop of oil.
4. The cat and the birds.
5. The wheel was not loud.

Triangle: Nib the Robot and the Squeaky Wheel

This passage · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.6

1. One wheel.
2. A squeak.
3. A drop of oil.
4. The cat and the birds.
5. The wheel was not loud now.

Square: Nib the Robot and the Squeaky Wheel

Harder · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. Just one wheel.
2. A loud squeak.
3. One drop of oil.
4. The cat and the birds.
5. The wheel no longer made a loud noise.