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Nina and the Stuck Zipper

Circle group

Nina had a red coat. The zipper was stiff. Nina wanted to zip it.

She tried. It did not go. She tried again. It stuck.

Nina held the bottom. She pulled the top up. Zip! Nina grinned.

Questions

1. What color was the coat?

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2. What did Nina want to do?

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3. What did the zipper do the second time?

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4. What did Nina hold?

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5. Why did Nina grin?

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Words to know

zipper: a slider that shuts a coat
stiff: hard to move or bend
stuck: not able to move
grin: to smile big

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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Nina and the Stuck Zipper

Triangle group

Nina had a red coat. The zipper was big and stiff. Nina wanted to zip it by herself.

She tried. The zipper did not go. She tried again. It stuck at her belly.

Then Nina held the bottom tight with one hand. She pulled the top up with the other hand. Zip! The coat was shut. Nina grinned.

Questions

1. What color was the coat?

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2. What did Nina want to do?

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3. Where did the zipper stick?

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4. What did Nina hold tight?

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5. Why did Nina grin at the end?

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Nina and the Stuck Zipper

Square group

Nina owned a bright red coat with a big, stiff zipper. She wanted to zip it all by herself, without any help from a grown-up.

She tried once, but the zipper would not budge. She tried a second time, and it jammed near her belly.

Finally, Nina pinched the bottom tightly with one hand and pulled the top upward with the other. Zip! The coat closed, and Nina grinned from ear to ear.

Questions

1. What kind of coat did Nina own?

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2. What did Nina want to do without help?

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3. Where did the zipper jam on her second try?

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4. How did Nina hold the zipper at the end?

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5. Why did Nina grin from ear to ear?

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For the teacher: Nina and the Stuck Zipper

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

Circle: Nina and the Stuck Zipper

Easier · 37 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. Red.
2. Zip the coat.
3. It stuck.
4. The bottom of the zipper.
5. She zipped the coat and was proud.

Triangle: Nina and the Stuck Zipper

This passage · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Red.
2. Zip the coat by herself.
3. At her belly.
4. The bottom of the zipper.
5. She zipped the coat by herself and was proud.

Square: Nina and the Stuck Zipper

Harder · 74 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.9

1. A bright red coat with a stiff zipper.
2. Zip the coat by herself.
3. Near her belly.
4. She pinched the bottom with one hand and pulled the top with the other.
5. She finally zipped the coat on her own and felt proud.