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Pickers Twist Apples Off the Branch

Circle group

In fall, apples are ready. Pickers come. They put up ladders.

A picker has a bag. She twists an apple. It comes off.

She lays it in the bag. She does not drop it. A drop makes a bruise.

Questions

1. When are apples ready?

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2. What do the pickers put up?

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3. Where does the picker put the apple?

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4. How does she get an apple off?

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5. Why does she not drop the apple?

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Words to know

ladder: steps you climb to reach high places
twist: to turn something around
bruise: a soft, sore spot on fruit or skin

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

In fall, the apples are ready. Pickers come to the orchard. They put up tall ladders.

A picker wears a bag on her front. She holds an apple and gives it a twist. It comes right off.

She lays the apple in the bag. She does not drop it. A dropped apple gets a bruise.

Questions

1. When are the apples ready?

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2. What do the pickers put up?

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3. Where does the picker put each apple?

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4. How does the picker take an apple off the branch?

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5. Why does the picker lay the apple in the bag?

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Words to know

orchard: a place where many fruit trees grow
ladder: steps you climb to reach high places
twist: to turn something around
bruise: a soft, sore spot on fruit or skin

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Square group

When fall arrives, the apples in the orchard are finally ready, and pickers come to gather them. They set up tall ladders against the trees.

Each picker wears a bag on her front. She holds an apple in her hand and gives it a gentle twist, and it comes right off the branch.

Carefully, she lays the apple in her bag instead of dropping it. A dropped apple would get a bruise, and a bruised apple does not stay fresh.

Questions

1. When are the apples in the orchard ready?

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2. What do the pickers set up against the trees?

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3. Where does each picker wear her bag?

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4. How does she take an apple off the branch?

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5. Why does the picker lay the apple in the bag carefully?

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Words to know

orchard: a place where many fruit trees grow
ladder: steps you climb to reach high places
twist: to turn something around
bruise: a soft, sore spot on fruit or skin

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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For the teacher: Pickers Twist Apples Off the Branch

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

Circle: Pickers Twist Apples Off the Branch

Easier · 39 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. In fall.
2. Ladders.
3. In her bag.
4. She twists it.
5. A dropped apple gets a bruise.

Triangle: Pickers Twist Apples Off the Branch

This passage · 55 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. In fall.
2. Tall ladders.
3. In the bag she wears.
4. She gives it a twist.
5. A dropped apple gets a bruise, so she is careful.

Square: Pickers Twist Apples Off the Branch

Harder · 80 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.5

1. In fall.
2. Tall ladders.
3. On her front.
4. She gives it a gentle twist.
5. A dropped apple would get a bruise and would not stay fresh.