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Shoveling the Snow Next Door

Circle group

Snow fell all night. Nia looks out. Her neighbor, Mr. Ortiz, is old. His steps are full of snow.

Nia gets her small shovel. She goes next door. Scoop, scoop! The steps are clear.

Mr. Ortiz says, "Thank you!" He gives her warm cocoa. Good neighbors help.

Questions

1. When did the snow fall?

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2. Who is Nia's neighbor?

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3. What does Nia get?

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4. What does Mr. Ortiz give her?

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5. Why does Nia clear the steps?

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Words to know

neighbor: a person who lives close to you
shovel: a tool for lifting snow or dirt
steps: a stair that you walk up to a door
cocoa: a sweet, warm chocolate drink

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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Shoveling the Snow Next Door

Triangle group

Snow fell all night. In the morning, Nia looks out the window. Her neighbor, Mr. Ortiz, is old. His steps are full of snow.

Nia grabs her small shovel. She goes next door. Scoop, scoop, scoop! The steps are clear.

Mr. Ortiz opens the door. "Thank you!" he says. He gives her a warm cup of cocoa. Good neighbors help each other.

Questions

1. When did the snow fall?

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2. Who is Nia's neighbor?

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3. What does Nia grab?

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4. What does Mr. Ortiz give her?

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5. Why does Nia clear the steps?

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Square group

Snow fell throughout the whole night. In the morning, Nia looks out her window and notices that her elderly neighbor, Mr. Ortiz, has steps buried in snow.

She grabs her small shovel and hurries next door. Scoop, scoop, scoop! Soon the steps are clear.

Mr. Ortiz opens his door and thanks her warmly. He hands her a steaming cup of cocoa. Good neighbors look after each other.

Questions

1. When did the snow fall?

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2. Who is Nia's elderly neighbor?

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3. What does Nia grab before she goes next door?

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4. What does Mr. Ortiz hand her?

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5. Why do you think Nia clears the steps?

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For the teacher: Shoveling the Snow Next Door

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

Circle: Shoveling the Snow Next Door

Easier · 47 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.6

1. All night.
2. Mr. Ortiz.
3. Her small shovel.
4. Warm cocoa.
5. Snow is hard to walk on, so she wants to help him.

Triangle: Shoveling the Snow Next Door

This passage · 62 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. All night.
2. Mr. Ortiz.
3. Her small shovel.
4. A warm cup of cocoa.
5. Snowy steps are hard for an old man to walk on, so she wants to help.

Square: Shoveling the Snow Next Door

Harder · 67 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. Throughout the whole night.
2. Mr. Ortiz.
3. Her small shovel.
4. A steaming cup of cocoa.
5. Snowy steps are hard for an older person to walk on, so she wants to help him.