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Stars Hide in the Daytime

Circle group

Stars are in the sky all day. We can not see them.

The sun is a star. It is very bright. Its light fills the sky. Other stars are far away. Their light is tiny.

At night the sky is dark. Now we see stars twinkle!

Questions

1. When are stars in the sky?

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2. What is the sun?

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3. Why can we not see stars in the day?

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4. When can we see stars twinkle?

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5. Do far stars look big or tiny?

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Words to know

twinkle: to shine with a blinking light
bright: giving off a lot of light
star: a ball of fire far away in the sky
night: the dark part of the day

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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Stars Hide in the Daytime

Triangle group

Stars are in the sky all day. But we cannot see them.

The sun is a star too. It is so bright that its light fills the sky. The other stars are far away, so their light looks tiny.

When night comes, the sky gets dark. Now we can see the stars twinkle!

Questions

1. When are stars in the sky?

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2. What kind of thing is the sun?

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3. Why can we not see stars in the day?

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4. When can we see the stars twinkle?

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5. Do the other stars look big or tiny?

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Words to know

twinkle: to shine with a blinking light
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Stars Hide in the Daytime

Square group

Stars are in the sky all day long, but we cannot see them when the sun is up.

The sun is a star as well. It is so bright that its light fills the whole sky. All of the other stars are very far away, so their light looks tiny next to the sun.

When night comes, the sky grows dark. Then we can finally see the stars twinkle above us!

Questions

1. When are stars up in the sky?

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2. What kind of thing is the sun?

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3. Why can we not see the stars while the sun is up?

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4. When can we see the stars twinkle?

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5. Why does the light from the other stars look tiny?

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Words to know

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star: a ball of fire far away in the sky
night: the dark part of the day

Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Stars Hide in the Daytime

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

Circle: Stars Hide in the Daytime

Easier · 46 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

1. All day and all night.
2. A star.
3. The sun is so bright that its light fills the sky.
4. At night, when the sky is dark.
5. Tiny.

Triangle: Stars Hide in the Daytime

This passage · 53 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. All day and all night.
2. A star.
3. The sun is so bright that it fills the sky with light.
4. At night, when the sky is dark.
5. Tiny, because they are far away.

Square: Stars Hide in the Daytime

Harder · 71 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. All day long and all night.
2. A star.
3. The sun is so bright that its light fills the whole sky.
4. At night, when the sky grows dark.
5. They are very far away.