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# The Humming Closet

Circle group

Nia heard a hum. Hmmmm. It came from the closet.

"Is it a ghost?" she said. She was a bit scared. But she was brave.

Nia opened the door. She saw her old toy phone in a shoe. It was buzzing!

Nia turned it off. The hum was gone. She giggled.

## Questions

**1. Where did the hum come from?**

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**2. What did Nia see?**

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**3. Where was the toy phone?**

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**4. What did Nia do to the phone?**

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**5. Why did Nia giggle?**

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## Words to know

hum: a low, soft sound that goes on and on
closet: a small room or space for clothes and shoes
brave: not afraid to try something hard or scary
buzzing: making a sound like a bee

## 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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# The Humming Closet

Triangle group

Nia heard a hum. Hmmmm. It came from the closet.

"Is it a ghost?" she asked. She was a little bit scared. But she was brave too.

Nia opened the door. She saw her old toy phone. It was buzzing in a shoe!

Mom had left it on. Nia turned it off. The hum was gone. Nia giggled and shut the door.

## Questions

**1. Where did the hum come from?**

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**2. What did Nia see in the closet?**

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**3. Where was the toy phone?**

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**4. What did Nia do to stop the hum?**

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**5. Why did Nia giggle at the end?**

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# The Humming Closet

Square group

Nia heard a strange humming sound. Hmmmm. It seemed to be coming from inside the hall closet.

"Could it be a ghost?" she whispered. She felt a little scared, but she was also very brave.

Slowly Nia opened the closet door. Inside a shoe, she found her old toy phone, buzzing away!

Mom had accidentally left it turned on. Nia switched it off, and the humming stopped. She giggled and closed the door.

## Questions

**1. Where did the humming seem to come from?**

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**2. What did Nia find inside the closet?**

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**3. Where was the toy phone sitting?**

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**4. How did Nia stop the humming?**

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**5. Why did Nia giggle at the end?**

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# For the teacher: The Humming Closet

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

### Circle: The Humming Closet

Easier · 51 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.4

1. The closet.
2. Her old toy phone.
3. In a shoe.
4. She turned it off.
5. It was only a toy, not a ghost.

### Triangle: The Humming Closet

This passage · 62 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.2

1. The closet.
2. Her old toy phone.
3. In a shoe.
4. She turned it off.
5. The hum was only a toy, not a ghost.

### Square: The Humming Closet

Harder · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. The hall closet.
2. Her old toy phone.
3. Inside a shoe.
4. She switched the phone off.
5. The sound came from a toy and not a ghost.