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The Ice Block in the Icebox

Circle group

Once, homes had no fridge. They had an icebox.

A big ice block went in the box. The ice kept milk cold. It kept eggs cold.

A man brought new ice. The old ice melted. A new block went in.

Questions

1. What did homes have, not a fridge?

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2. What went in the icebox?

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3. What foods did the ice keep cold?

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4. Who brought new ice?

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5. Why did the family need new ice?

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Words to know

icebox: a box that stayed cold with a block of ice
block: a thick piece of something solid
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fridge: a machine that keeps food cold

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

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A big block of ice went inside the box. The ice kept the milk cold. It kept the eggs cold too.

A man brought new ice to the door. The old ice melted. So a new block went in.

Questions

1. What did homes have in place of a fridge?

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2. What went inside the icebox?

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3. What two foods did the ice keep cold?

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4. Who brought new ice to the door?

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5. Why did the family need new ice?

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Square group

A long time ago, most homes did not have a fridge. Instead, a family kept an icebox in the kitchen.

A big block of ice sat inside the wooden box, and the cold from the ice kept the milk and the eggs fresh.

Every so often, a delivery man carried a fresh block of ice to the door. The old block had melted, so a new one took its place.

Questions

1. What did most homes keep in the kitchen in place of a fridge?

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2. What sat inside the wooden box?

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3. Which two foods did the cold keep fresh?

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4. Who carried a fresh block of ice to the door?

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5. Why did the family need a new block of ice now and then?

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For the teacher: The Ice Block in the Icebox

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

Circle: The Ice Block in the Icebox

Easier · 40 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. An icebox.
2. A big ice block.
3. Milk and eggs.
4. A man.
5. The old ice melted.

Triangle: The Ice Block in the Icebox

This passage · 48 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

1. An icebox.
2. A big block of ice.
3. Milk and eggs.
4. A man.
5. The old ice melted, so it could not keep the food cold.

Square: The Ice Block in the Icebox

Harder · 70 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

1. An icebox.
2. A big block of ice.
3. The milk and the eggs.
4. A delivery man.
5. The old block had melted and could no longer keep the food cold.