Name: _____ Date: _____

The Night the Porch Light Blinked

Circle group

At night the porch light blinked. On, off, on, off.

Eli watched from the window. "Is it a signal?" he said.

Dad and Eli went out. They looked up. A big moth flew round the bulb. It hid the light each time.

"The moth makes it blink," said Dad. They went in.

Questions

1. What did the porch light do?

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2. Who watched from the window?

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3. What flew round the bulb?

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4. Who went out with Eli?

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5. Why did the light blink?

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Words to know

blink: to go on and off again and again
signal: a sign that sends a message
moth: an insect that flies at night

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 Night the Porch Light Blinked

Triangle group

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Eli watched from the window. "Is it a signal?" he said.

Dad went out with Eli. They looked up. A big moth was flying round the bulb. Each time it flew by, it hid the light.

"That is all," said Dad. "The moth blinks the light."

They went in. The moth kept dancing in the glow.

Questions

1. What did the porch light do?

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2. Who watched from the window?

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3. What was flying round the bulb?

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4. Who went out with Eli?

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5. Why did the light seem to blink?

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Words to know

blink: to go on and off again and again
signal: a sign that sends a message
moth: an insect that flies at night
glow: a soft, warm light

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The Night the Porch Light Blinked

Square group

Late one night, the porch light began to blink. On, off, on, off, it went, again and again.

Eli watched through the window. "Is somebody sending a signal?" he wondered.

Dad walked outside with Eli, and they gazed up at the light. A large moth was fluttering around the bulb. Every time it flew past, it covered the light for a moment.

"That is all it is," said Dad. "The moth makes the light blink."

They went back inside while the moth kept dancing in the warm glow.

Questions

1. What did the porch light begin to do?

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2. Who watched through the window?

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3. What was fluttering around the bulb?

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4. Who walked outside with Eli?

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5. Why did the light seem to blink?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Night the Porch Light Blinked

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

Circle: The Night the Porch Light Blinked

Easier · 52 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.3

1. It blinked.
2. Eli.
3. A big moth.
4. Dad.
5. The moth hid the light as it flew by.

Triangle: The Night the Porch Light Blinked

This passage · 66 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.1

1. It blinked on and off.
2. Eli.
3. A big moth.
4. Dad.
5. The moth flew by and hid the light each time.

Square: The Night the Porch Light Blinked

Harder · 88 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. It began to blink on and off.
2. Eli.
3. A large moth.
4. Dad.
5. The moth covered the light each time it flew past.