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The Pickle Swap

Circle group

Dee opens her lunch box. It has a pickle and a roll. Dee wants cheese.

Gus sits by her. He has cheese. He wants a pickle.

"Want to swap?" asks Gus.

Dee gives Gus the pickle. Gus gives Dee the cheese. Crunch!

"Best lunch," says Dee. They swap each day.

Questions

1. What is in Dee's lunch box?

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2. What does Dee want?

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3. What does Gus want?

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4. Who asks to swap?

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5. Why do they swap each day?

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Words to know

pickle: a cucumber soaked in salty water
swap: to give one thing and get another
crunch: the loud sound of biting something hard

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 Pickle Swap

Triangle group

Dee opens her lunch box. It has a pickle and a plain roll. Dee wants cheese.

Gus sits next to her. He has cheese and a bag of crackers. He wants a pickle.

"Do you want to swap?" asks Gus.

Dee gives Gus the pickle. Gus gives Dee the cheese. Crunch! Munch!

"Best lunch ever," says Dee. After that, Dee and Gus swap each day.

Questions

1. What is in Dee's lunch box?

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2. What does Dee want?

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3. What does Gus want?

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4. Who asks to swap?

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5. Why do you think they swap every day after that?

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Words to know

pickle: a cucumber soaked in salty water
swap: to give one thing and get another
crunch: the loud sound of biting something hard
plain: with nothing added

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.
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The Pickle Swap

Square group

Dee opens her lunch box and finds a crunchy pickle and a plain roll inside. What Dee truly wants is some cheese.

Gus sits down on the bench next to her. His lunch has cheese and a bag of crackers, but he is hoping for a pickle.

"Would you like to swap?" asks Gus.

Dee hands over her pickle, and Gus hands over his cheese. Crunch! Munch!

"This is the best lunch ever," says Dee. From that day on, Dee and Gus swap their lunch foods every single day.

Questions

1. What does Dee find in her lunch box?

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2. What does Dee really want?

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3. What is Gus hoping to get?

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4. Who asks if they can swap?

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5. Why do you think Dee and Gus swap every day after that?

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Words to know

pickle: a cucumber soaked in salty water
swap: to give one thing and get another
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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: The Pickle Swap

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

Circle: The Pickle Swap

Easier · 50 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.2

1. A pickle and a roll.
2. Cheese.
3. A pickle.
4. Gus.
5. They like it and they are friends.

Triangle: The Pickle Swap

This passage · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.6

1. A pickle and a plain roll.
2. Cheese.
3. A pickle.
4. Gus.
5. Both of them like it and they are now friends.

Square: The Pickle Swap

Harder · 89 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. A crunchy pickle and a plain roll.
2. Some cheese.
3. A pickle.
4. Gus does.
5. Both of them enjoy it, and they have become friends.