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The Tower That Fell Nine Times

Circle group

Kai made a tall tower. Crash! It fell.

Kai made it again. Crash! It fell. Kai was grumpy.

Then Kai put big blocks at the bottom. He put small blocks on top. The tower stood. Kai cheered.

Questions

1. What did Kai make?

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2. How did Kai feel when it fell?

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3. Which blocks went at the bottom?

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4. What did Kai do at the end?

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5. Why did the tower stand?

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Words to know

tower: something very tall and narrow

grumpy: cross and in a bad mood

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

Kai stacked blocks to make a tall tower. Crash! It fell down.

Kai stacked them again. Crash! It fell again. Kai felt grumpy. He wanted to quit.

Then Kai put the big blocks on the bottom. He put the small blocks on top. The tower stood. Kai stacked one more block. It stayed! Kai cheered.

Questions

1. What did Kai make with the blocks?

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2. How did Kai feel when the tower fell?

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3. Which blocks went on the bottom?

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4. What did Kai do when the tower stayed up?

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5. Why did the tower stand the last time?

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Words to know

stack: to pile things one on top of another
tower: something very tall and narrow
grumpy: cross and in a bad mood
quit: to stop trying

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Square group

Kai carefully stacked his wooden blocks into a very tall tower. Crash! It toppled over. He built it again, and once more it came crashing down. Kai felt so grumpy that he wanted to quit.

Instead, he tried something new. He set the biggest blocks at the bottom and the smallest ones on top. This time the tower stood steady. Kai added one last block, and it stayed put. He cheered loudly.

Questions

1. What did Kai build with his wooden blocks?

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2. How did Kai feel after the tower fell twice?

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3. Where did Kai put the biggest blocks?

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4. What did Kai do when the last block stayed put?

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5. Why did the tower finally stand steady?

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Words to know

stack: to pile things one on top of another
tower: something very tall and narrow
grumpy: cross and in a bad mood
quit: to stop trying

Talk together (every group has these)

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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: The Tower That Fell Nine Times

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

Circle: The Tower That Fell Nine Times

Easier · 37 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. A tall tower.
2. Grumpy.
3. The big blocks.
4. He cheered.
5. The big blocks at the bottom held it up.

Triangle: The Tower That Fell Nine Times

This passage · 55 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. A tall tower.
2. Grumpy.
3. The big blocks.
4. He cheered.
5. The big blocks on the bottom held it up.

Square: The Tower That Fell Nine Times

Harder · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. A very tall tower.
2. So grumpy that he wanted to quit.
3. At the bottom.
4. He cheered loudly.
5. The big blocks at the bottom gave it a strong base.