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The Town Inside the Teacup

Circle group

Max looked in a teacup. A tiny town was in it! The houses were small like peas.

A tiny man said, "Do not shake the cup. Our bridge will fall."

Max held the cup still. The tiny people sang a song.

Max put the cup on the shelf. He said, "Bye."

Questions

1. What was in the teacup?

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2. How small were the houses?

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3. What did the tiny man ask Max not to do?

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4. What did the tiny people do for Max?

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5. Why did Max hold the cup still?

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Words to know

teacup: a small cup for hot drinks
tiny: very, very small
bridge: a path built over water
shelf: a flat board on a wall for holding things

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 Town Inside the Teacup

Triangle group

Max looked into a teacup. A tiny town was in it! The houses were as small as peas.

A tiny man waved up at Max. "Please do not shake the cup," he said. "Our bridge will fall."

Max held the cup still. He sat very quiet. The little people sang a song for him.

Then Max set the cup on the shelf. He said, "Bye, bye."

Questions

1. What was inside the teacup?

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2. How small were the houses?

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3. What did the tiny man ask Max not to do?

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4. What did the little people do for Max?

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5. Why did Max sit very quiet and still?

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The Town Inside the Teacup

Square group

Max peered into a teacup and discovered a tiny town inside! The little houses were about as small as peas.

A tiny man waved up at him and called out, "Please do not shake the cup, or our bridge will fall."

Max held the cup perfectly still and sat very quietly. The little people sang a cheerful song just for him.

Then Max gently placed the teacup back on the shelf and whispered, "Goodbye."

Questions

1. What did Max discover inside the teacup?

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2. How small were the little houses?

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3. What did the tiny man ask Max not to do?

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4. What did the little people do for Max?

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5. Why did Max hold the cup perfectly still?

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For the teacher: The Town Inside the Teacup

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

Circle: The Town Inside the Teacup

Easier · 51 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. A tiny town.
2. Small like peas.
3. To shake the cup.
4. They sang a song.
5. He did not want the bridge to fall.

Triangle: The Town Inside the Teacup

This passage · 66 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. A tiny town.
2. As small as peas.
3. To shake the cup.
4. They sang a song.
5. He did not want to hurt the town.

Square: The Town Inside the Teacup

Harder · 74 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.7

1. A tiny town.
2. About as small as peas.
3. To shake the cup.
4. They sang a cheerful song.
5. He wanted to keep the bridge and the town safe.