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Tilly the Cat Says Moo

Circle group

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"Moo?" said the cow. "Cats say meow."

The cow said, "Meow!" It was big and loud. They both laughed.

"Let us swap back," said Tilly. She said, "Meow." The cow said, "Moo."

Questions

1. What did Tilly say at first?

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2. Who said that cats say meow?

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3. How did the cow's meow sound?

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4. What did the two friends do?

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5. Why did Tilly want to swap back?

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Words to know

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Triangle group

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"Moo?" said the cow. "Cats say meow."

The cow tried to say meow. It came out, "Meeeoooow!" It was big and loud.

Tilly and the cow looked at each other. Then they both laughed.

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Questions

1. What did Tilly say at first?

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2. Who said that cats say meow?

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3. How did the cow's meow sound?

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Square group

Tilly was a small gray cat. One morning she opened her mouth and said, "Moo!"

"Moo?" said the cow in surprise. "Cats are supposed to say meow."

The cow tried to say meow herself. It came out as a big, loud "Meeeoooow!" Tilly and the cow stared at each other, and then they both burst out laughing.

"Let us swap back," said Tilly. So she said, "Meow," and the cow said, "Moo."

Questions

1. What did Tilly say at first?

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2. What did the cow say cats are supposed to say?

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3. How did the cow's meow come out?

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4. What did the two animals do after they stared at each other?

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5. Why did Tilly want to swap back?

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For the teacher: Tilly the Cat Says Moo

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

Circle: Tilly the Cat Says Moo

Easier · 41 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. Moo.
2. The cow.
3. Big and loud.
4. They laughed.
5. Each one sounded best with their own sound.

Triangle: Tilly the Cat Says Moo

This passage · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

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2. The cow.
3. Big and loud.
4. They laughed.
5. Each one sounded best with their own sound.

Square: Tilly the Cat Says Moo

Harder · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

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2. Meow.
3. As a big, loud meow.
4. They burst out laughing.
5. Each one sounded best with their own sound.