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Tortoise and the Big Green Leaf

Circle group

Tortoise found a leaf. It was big and green. He wanted it at home.

Tortoise pushed it. It slid. He pushed again. Step by step, he went.

Tortoise got home. The leaf got home too. He did not stop.

Questions

1. What did Tortoise find?

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2. What did he want to do with it?

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3. How did Tortoise move the leaf?

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4. Did Tortoise get home?

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5. Why did Tortoise get home?

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Words to know

tortoise: a slow animal with a hard shell
leaf: a flat green part of a plant
push: to press on something to move it

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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Tortoise and the Big Green Leaf

Triangle group

Tortoise found a big green leaf. It was too big to eat in one bite. He wanted to take it home.

Tortoise pushed it. It slid. He pushed again. Slow and steady, step by step, he went.

At last Tortoise was home. He had no race to win. He just kept going, and the leaf got there too.

Questions

1. What did Tortoise find?

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2. What did he want to do with it?

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3. How did Tortoise move the leaf?

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4. Did Tortoise get home?

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5. Why did Tortoise get home even though he was slow?

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Words to know

tortoise: a slow animal with a hard shell
leaf: a flat green part of a plant
steady: keeping on at the same pace
push: to press on something to move it

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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Tortoise and the Big Green Leaf

Square group

Tortoise discovered an enormous green leaf lying on the path. It was far too big to eat in a single bite, so he decided to carry it home.

Tortoise pushed, and the leaf slid forward. He pushed again. Slowly and steadily, step by step, he made his way along the path.

At last Tortoise arrived home. He had no race to win. He simply kept going, and the leaf arrived with him.

Questions

1. What did Tortoise discover on the path?

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2. What did he decide to do with the leaf?

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3. How did Tortoise move the leaf?

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4. Did Tortoise finally arrive home?

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5. Why did Tortoise make it home even though he was slow?

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Words to know

tortoise: a slow animal with a hard shell
leaf: a flat green part of a plant
push: to press on something to move it

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?

For the teacher: Tortoise and the Big Green Leaf

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

Circle: Tortoise and the Big Green Leaf

Easier · 39 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. A big green leaf.
2. Take it home.
3. He pushed it.
4. Yes.
5. He did not stop.

Triangle: Tortoise and the Big Green Leaf

This passage · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. A big green leaf.
2. Take it home.
3. He pushed it.
4. Yes, at last.
5. He kept going step by step.

Square: Tortoise and the Big Green Leaf

Harder · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. An enormous green leaf.
2. Carry it home.
3. He pushed it forward.
4. Yes, at last.
5. He kept going slowly and steadily, step by step.