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The Town Where the Streets Are Water

Circle group

In Venice, a town in Italy, many streets are water. The water streets are canals.

People ride in boats. A boat brings food. A boat takes a kid to school.

There are bridges too. We can walk on them.

In Venice, a boat is a bus.

Questions

1. Where is Venice?

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2. What are the water streets called?

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3. What can a boat bring to a shop?

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4. How do people walk over a canal?

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5. Why is a boat like a bus in Venice?

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Words to know

canal: a street made of water for boats
Italy: a country in Europe
bridge: a path built over water

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 Where the Streets Are Water

Triangle group

In Venice, a town in Italy, many streets are water. The water streets are called canals.

People ride in boats. A boat can bring food to a shop. A boat can take a child to school.

There are small bridges too. People walk over the canals.

In Venice, a boat is a bus.

Questions

1. Where is Venice?

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2. What are the water streets called?

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3. What can a boat bring to a shop?

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4. How do people walk over a canal?

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5. Why does the story say a boat is a bus in Venice?

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Words to know

canal: a street made of water for boats
Italy: a country in Europe
bridge: a path built over water
shop: a place where people buy things

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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The Town Where the Streets Are Water

Square group

Venice is a town in Italy where many of the streets are made of water. These watery streets are called canals.

Instead of cars, people travel in boats. One boat may carry food to a shop, while another carries a child to school. Small bridges cross the canals so that people can also walk from place to place.

In Venice, a boat does the same job that a bus does in other towns.

Questions

1. In which country is the town of Venice?

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2. What are the watery streets called?

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3. What might a boat carry to a shop?

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4. What lets people walk across the canals?

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5. Why is a boat in Venice like a bus in other towns?

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Words to know

canal: a street made of water for boats
Italy: a country in Europe
bridge: a path built over water
shop: a place where people buy things

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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For the teacher: The Town Where the Streets Are Water

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

Circle: The Town Where the Streets Are Water

Easier · 46 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. In Italy.
2. Canals.
3. Food.
4. On a bridge.
5. It carries people.

Triangle: The Town Where the Streets Are Water

This passage · 53 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. In Italy.
2. Canals.
3. Food.
4. On a small bridge.
5. Boats carry people from place to place, as buses do.

Square: The Town Where the Streets Are Water

Harder · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. Italy.
2. Canals.
3. Food.
4. Small bridges.
5. Both carry people from place to place.