Name: _____ Date: _____

Who Took the Last Pickle?

Circle group

The jar was empty. Where was the last pickle?

"Not me," said Tom. "Not me," said Kit.

Zoe saw Tom's hands. Clean. Kit's hands? Clean.

Then Zoe saw Dad. Green was on his chin. Pickle juice!

"Oops," said Dad. He got a new jar.

Questions

1. What was gone?

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2. Whose hands did Zoe see first?

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3. What was on Dad's chin?

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4. What did Dad get?

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5. Who took the pickle?

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Words to know

pickle: a small cucumber kept in salty water
empty: with nothing inside
chin: the part of your face under your mouth
juice: the wet part of a fruit or a food

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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Who Took the Last Pickle?

Triangle group

The jar was empty. Where was the last pickle?

"Not me," said Tom. "Not me," said Kit.

Zoe looked at Tom. His hands were clean. She looked at Kit. Her hands were clean too.

Then Zoe looked at Dad. He had green on his chin. It was pickle juice!

"Oops," said Dad. "It was so good." He bought a new jar that day.

Questions

1. What was missing?

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2. Whose hands did Zoe check first?

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3. What did Dad have on his chin?

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4. What did Dad do at the end?

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5. How did Zoe know Dad took the pickle?

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Who Took the Last Pickle?

Square group

The pickle jar was completely empty. Where had the very last pickle gone?

"It was not me," said Tom. "It was not me either," said Kit.

Zoe studied Tom's hands, and they were clean. Then she studied Kit's hands, and they were clean too.

Finally Zoe looked at Dad. There was a green smear of pickle juice on his chin!

"Oops," said Dad. "It was just so tasty." He bought a new jar that very day.

Questions

1. What was missing from the jar?

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2. Whose hands did Zoe study first?

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3. What was on Dad's chin?

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4. What did Dad do that day?

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5. How did Zoe figure out that Dad took the pickle?

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For the teacher: Who Took the Last Pickle?

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

Circle: Who Took the Last Pickle?

Easier · 44 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.7

1. The last pickle.
2. Tom's hands.
3. Pickle juice.
4. A new jar.
5. Dad, because he had juice on his chin.

Triangle: Who Took the Last Pickle?

This passage · 63 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.5

1. The last pickle.
2. Tom's hands.
3. Pickle juice.
4. He bought a new jar.
5. He had green pickle juice on his chin.

Square: Who Took the Last Pickle?

Harder · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. The very last pickle.
2. Tom's hands.
3. A green smear of pickle juice.
4. He bought a new jar.
5. The pickle juice on his chin showed he had eaten it.