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Wind Pushes a Little Sailboat

Circle group

A sailboat has a tall sail. The sail is on a pole. The pole is a mast.

Wind fills the sail. Whoosh! The boat glides on the water.

On a calm day, the boat sits. It needs wind. It does not use gas.

Questions

1. What is a mast?

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2. What fills the sail?

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3. Where does the boat glide?

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4. What does a sailboat use and not gas?

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5. Why does the boat sit on a calm day?

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Words to know

sailboat: a boat that moves when wind pushes its sail
sail: a big piece of cloth that catches wind
mast: a tall pole on a boat
glide: to move along smoothly and easily

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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Wind Pushes a Little Sailboat

Triangle group

A sailboat has a tall cloth sail. The sail is on a tall pole called a mast.

The wind fills the sail. Whoosh! The wind pushes, and the boat glides on the water.

On a calm day, the boat just sits. It needs wind to go. A sailboat has no gas. It uses the wind.

Questions

1. What is a mast?

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2. What fills the sail?

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3. Where does the boat glide?

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4. What does a sailboat use instead of gas?

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5. Why does the boat just sit on a calm day?

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Words to know

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Wind Pushes a Little Sailboat

Square group

A sailboat has a tall sail made of cloth. The sail is held up by a tall pole called a mast.

When the wind fills the sail, it pushes against the cloth with a whoosh, and the boat glides smoothly across the water.

On a calm day, the sailboat simply sits where it is. It cannot go anywhere without wind. A sailboat does not burn any gas. It travels by using the wind.

Questions

1. What is a mast?

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2. What pushes against the sail?

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3. How does the boat move across the water?

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4. What does a sailboat not burn?

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5. Why can the sailboat not go anywhere on a calm day?

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Words to know

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sail: a big piece of cloth that catches wind
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For the teacher: Wind Pushes a Little Sailboat

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

Circle: Wind Pushes a Little Sailboat

Easier · 43 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. A tall pole that holds the sail.
2. Wind.
3. On the water.
4. Wind.
5. There is no wind to push the sail.

Triangle: Wind Pushes a Little Sailboat

This passage · 55 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. A tall pole that holds the sail.
2. The wind.
3. On the water.
4. The wind.
5. There is no wind to push the sail.

Square: Wind Pushes a Little Sailboat

Harder · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.9

1. A tall pole that holds up the sail.
2. The wind.
3. It glides smoothly.
4. Gas.
5. There is no wind to push the sail.